

Speaker starts Commons row over MI5 case

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent
The Speaker of the House of Commons took the highly unusual step last night of overruling the Prime Minister and insisting that the Wright spy book case being heard in Australia was not sub-judice.

Spy case exposes Britain's witness

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney
Britain's top civil servant was exposed to uncomfortably intensive cross-examination yesterday in an Australian court hearing the Thatcher Government's application for an order to suppress Mr Peter Wright's book on MI5.

Panic in Wall Street over Boesky tapes

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent
Share prices on the New York stock market plunged dramatically yesterday as nervousness, triggered by the investigations into Mr Ivan Boesky's insider share dealing, turned into panic.



The Princess of Wales, setting a fashion trend with silk slacks under a loose dress, with the Prince when they travelled 60 miles into the Saudi Arabian desert yesterday.

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The will to win
Creative conflict: how sports managers foster the team spirit without suppressing the talented individual



Extra arms talks in Geneva
From Christopher Walker, Moscow
US and Soviet negotiators have agreed to hold a special week-long session in Geneva during the long Christmas recess to discuss nuclear and space arms.

Portfolio

The £4,000 prize in yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition was shared by three readers - Mr Lawrence Coombs, of Leytonstone, London; Miss K.M. Kent, of the British Embassy, Bonn; and Mr H. Mavir, of Worthington, Cumbria. Details, page 3.

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Thatcher with potentially embarrassing questions about alleged Soviet infiltration of Britain's security services.

Women terrorists shot Renault chief

From Dianna Gaddes, Paris
Action Directe, the extreme-Left French terrorist group, yesterday claimed responsibility for the murder of M Georges Besse, managing director of the state-owned Renault car company, on Monday night. Two young women shot M Besse outside his home in the Montparnasse district of Paris.

New claim of TV bias

Allegations of extensive left-wing political bias in news and current affairs coverage are made against all four television channels in a report published yesterday.

Hurd to consider firearms amnesty

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent
A government-sponsored working party yesterday demanded a firearms amnesty to face the huge increase in armed raids on banks, building societies and cash-in-transit.

Welcome twang from the Saudi hero prince

From Alan Hamilton, Riyadh
Sultan Bin Salman looked like any of the 100 Bedouins around him, swarthy and hook-nosed in Arab headdress and an robe as he strode the half-acre of fine carpets laid on the sand in the midst of nowhere for a dazzling desert entertainment. But he rather broke the spell when he announced with a perceptible twang: "Hi, nice to see you guys."

Left-wing councils lift ban on Times

By Michael McCarthy
Seven more local authorities have rescinded their banning of The Times from public libraries following the High Court's decision that such bans are unlawful.

Russians say Kim is alive

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Government on course for borrowing target

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent
The public sector borrowing requirement, central to the Government's economic strategy, was just £9 million last month, reduced by strong corporation tax revenues.

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In spite of the encouraging borrowing figures, the financial markets remained nervous, the shadow of the insider dealing scandals continuing to loom large.

Government on course for borrowing target

Indications are that the Government is on course to hit its £7.1 billion borrowing target for this year, with some City forecasters predicting a sizeable undershoot as the proceeds from the privatization of British Gas and British Airways roll in. This could mean tax cuts in the spring.

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Advertisement for Piaget watches, featuring two watches and the text 'Piaget time... measured only in gold PIAGET'.

NEWS SUMMARY

January trial for Belfast MP

Mr Peter Robinson, MP for East Belfast and deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, will stand trial in Dublin next January on 11 charges, ranging from assaulting Garda to malicious damage, arising out of a "loyalist" incursion into Clostrinet, a village in the Irish Republic, last August.

Diesel record for BR

British Rail has set a new world speed record for a diesel-powered train. A speed of 144.7mph was achieved on Sunday on a measured mile of the track between York and Darlington (Rodney Corton writes).

Thames's Colliery big profit

Thames Television has announced record interim profits of more than £10 million, after its partial flotation in June. The pre-tax results for the half-year to September 30, which contrasted with a loss of almost £3 million in the same period in 1985, reflected a big rise in advertising revenues.

Games debt demand

Liberal MPs are pressing for a select committee to investigate Mr Robert Maxwell's Commonwealth Games company, which owes 10 large creditors about £1.9 million (Martin Fletcher writes).

Finney's winner

Albert Finney (right), was named best actor of the year in the London Standard Drama Awards yesterday for his role as a gangster on the run in the Lyle Kessler play, Orphans, while Julia McKenzie won the best actress award as a vicar's wife in Alan Ayckbourn's Woman in Mind.



Ministers dismiss Falkland talks offer

Argentina's call for global negotiations on the Falkland Islands was dismissed as "old wine in new bottles" last night by Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement. His swift denunciation of the offer was seen in Westminster as further confirmation that the Government believed it was no more than propaganda, to coincide with President Alfonsín's meeting with President Reagan.

He also described press reports claiming Spain did not recognize the 150-mile interim fishing zone around the Falklands as "inaccurate and exaggerated". It was in the interests of the large Spanish fleet to ensure that fishing was orderly and controlled.

Lord Kennet, SDP foreign affairs spokesman, said if Lord Trefgarne was digging his feet in on behalf of the Government because it did not want to discuss some sort of shared sovereignty or UN trusteeship, then the Alliance was opposed to his stance.

Navy hero of Falklands war severely reprimanded

A Royal Navy captain awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism during the Falklands war was severely reprimanded at a court martial yesterday over the loss of secret papers on a Thames towpath. Captain Alan West, aged 38, who commanded the frigate Ardent when she was sunk after being attacked by 11 Argentine bombers in San Carlos Water, pleaded guilty at a hearing at HMS Drake, Devonport, to five breaches of the Naval Discipline Act.



Captain Alan West: lost secret documents.

that he regarded Captain West "as an outstanding officer of his generation." "He is a first-class ambassador for the Royal Navy and, indeed, the country." "He is a thrusting, operational opportunist, displaying dash and flair but always tempered with good judgement."

Nuclear power inquiry

The select committee on energy is to conduct an immediate inquiry into allegations about the safety and costs of the nuclear power programme made in The Times on November 6. Sir Ian Lloyd, its chairman, said last night that the allegations, strongly denied by the Central Electricity Generating Board, raised matters of such importance that it was essential the facts were established.

Two held in £60,000 counterfeit operation

Two men were charged yesterday with a robbery of £60,000 during a police undercover operation involving counterfeit money. A third man was sent to hospital after the police operation ended with officers crashing through hotel windows. The two men, who will appear before Slough magistrates today, are Mr Ian Stent, aged 39, from East Wittering, Sussex, and Mr Keith Moss, aged 37, from Hampton, Middlesex. They are accused of robbing Charles Hill of £60,000.

Day tripper's railway death

A postman who often fell asleep in trains was found with multiple injuries beside a railway line in London after setting off for his home in Sittingbourne, Kent. Dr Paul Knapman, the Westminster coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death on Keith Siddle, aged 33, who had spent a day out with colleagues in Margate.

Bird deserts winter sun

Hundreds of bird watchers have flocked to see a Desert Wheatear, a bird rarely seen in Britain, which has arrived at South Walney nature reserve near Barrow, Cumbria. The bird, a member of the thrush family, comes from the deserts of North Africa and the Middle East.

Million tonne record broken

The 1,090 miners at Bilsborough colliery near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, have produced their fastest one million tonnes, British Coal said yesterday. They passed the one million tonnes target six weeks ahead of their previous annual record.

Advertisement for 'The New Enlightenment' featuring a pregnant woman and text: '16, PREGNANT AND UNEMPLOYED. ALL THANKS TO THE WELFARE STATE. IF SHE COULDN'T HAVE A COUNCIL HOUSE, WOULD SHE BE HAVING A BABY? IF YOU'RE PREGNANT, UNMARRIED AND UNEMPLOYED YOU'RE ENTITLED TO CLAIM ANYTHING FROM FREE MILK TO A FREE HOUSE.'

Taking the final furlong

There was a brief and private unsaddling ceremony at St Mary's parish church, Kintbury, beneath the Berkshire Downs, yesterday (Robin Young writes). Sir Gordon Richards, the first, last and perfect knight of the turf, having run his course at the age of 82, was finally laid to rest.



Nail attacks warning at Wapping

A police chief warned yesterday that unless print union supporters stopped their "irresponsible" campaign of attacks against lorries carrying News International newspapers it was only a matter of time before someone died.

Da Vinci notes fetch £2.5m

A page of scribbled notes and drawings by Leonardo da Vinci was sold for a record breaking £2.5 million at Sotheby's in New York on Monday night. The seller was Mr John R Gaines, whose father founded the Gaines Dog Food Company and invented that pet's delight, the Gainesburger.

Tories assess prison role for private sector

The Government is to examine the possibility of introducing some degree of privatization into the running of Britain's prisons, (Philip Webster writes). The Earl of Cathness, Minister of State at the Home Office, who is responsible for prisons, is to visit the United States early in the new year to look at some of the 20 prisons which have introduced an element of private management.

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Mrs Guinness says she does not hate the gang who kidnapped her

By Richard Ford

Mrs Jennifer Guinness told yesterday how she rehearsed her own death scene at the hands of the hooded gang that kidnapped her earlier this year.

She also said she did not hate the four men who held her for a £2 million ransom.

Throughout the eight-day ordeal the strong-willed wife of a merchant banker pitted her wits against the abductors in an attempt to stop them killing her.

Yesterday the fourth member of the gang was jailed for his part in the abduction. Afterward Mrs Guinness said she bore no hatred for her kidnapers and is delighted that one of them named his daughter Jennifer at her suggestion.

"I am not a hater. I don't think the emotions of hate or vengeance are very constructive, but I don't actually like the people who treated me like that."

Describing her kidnapping as "traumatic", she admitted that £300,000 was to be dropped after negotiations had taken place with the full knowledge of the police. But Mrs Guinness said she did not agree with the payment of ransom as this encouraged other abductions.

Mrs Guinness, speaking at a press conference, said her only therapy to help her overcome the effects of the abduction was sailing, walking and listening to classical music.

Mrs Guinness was speaking after Brian McNicholl, aged 49, an unemployed demolition contractor from Dublin, was jailed for 12 years and nine months at the city's Circuit Criminal Court. He was found guilty of false imprisonment and possessing a firearm.

Described by police as a "mystery man", he had only become involved in the abduction at a late stage, but had then bragged about his role in organizing it. McNicholl had hoped to obtain half the ransom demand after promising to provide a safe house in which the rest of the gang could hide their victim.

Three other men, John and Michael Cunningham and Anthony Kelly are already serving prison sentences ranging from 14 to 17 years for their part in the kidnapping.

She said: "It would have been me they were shooting not some woman they had taken."

Mrs Guinness said she feared she would be shot, but decided to keep very calm and retain personal dignity in order to survive.

"It would have been lovely to scream, to cry, to yell, to hate, but I felt to survive as a person I had to keep very calm," she said.

The ordeal involved being hooded and driven from her home, speeding nights chained to one of her captors, chained to a bed and then tied to a tree for several hours, but Mrs Guinness said she bore no hatred for her kidnapers and is delighted that one of them named his daughter Jennifer at her suggestion.

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Mrs Jennifer Guinness, talked to her captors

New hope on cheaper air fares to Europe

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Britain yesterday increased the pressure in the fight for cheaper air fares to Europe.

Air Europe, the charter airline belonging to Mr Harry Goodman, the holiday entrepreneur, applied for licences to set up a scheduled network to 11 main European cities from Gatwick.

British Caledonian applied for five new routes and promised fare reductions of up to 60 per cent over existing levels.

And Mr Michael Spicer, the Minister for Aviation, reaffirmed his determination to force other countries to agree to allow real competition on European air routes.

The most dramatic move came from Air Europe which plans to fly at least once a day to Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Geneva, Brussels, Munich, Düsseldorf, Zurich, Milano, Rome and Copenhagen.

Applications for the licences have already been filed with the Civil Aviation Authority which is almost certain to agree.

British Caledonian put in its application for an increase in routes immediately it heard of Air Europe's plans.

Both airlines are greatly encouraged by the determination of the Government to achieve greater freedom for competition. And they were boosted still further yesterday when Mr Spicer told a meeting in Brussels that he was not prepared to see the Government's proposals on liberalization watered down.



Miss Meryl Huxtable, a paper conservator from the Victoria and Albert Museum, restoring antique Chinese wallpaper at Saltram House, Plymouth, Devon (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

Portfolio Gold - A winner after only four days

Three readers share yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Miss Kathleen Kent, aged 53, a secretary at the British embassy in Bonn, has played the Portfolio Gold game for the past four days.

"I am astonished," she said. "I checked everything twice because I just could not believe my luck."

When asked how she intended spending the prize money, Miss Kent said: "I will spend some and invest some."

Mr Hartley Mavir, aged 61, a rent officer, from Worthington in Cumbria, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started.

"I was rather taken aback. Because I had not seen the name of a northerner among the winners before," he said. "But I am certainly very delighted."

Mr Mavir said that the winnings will go towards paying for his youngest daughter's wedding next year.

The other winner is Mr Lawrence Coombs, aged 32, a laboratory technician from Leytonstone in east London.

"I am very elated," Mr Coombs said. He will spend his prize money on renovations to the family home.

Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

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The Times,
PO Box 40,
Blackburn,
BB1 6AJ.

Drink-drive test case

Back-counting alcohol level is legal

By Craig Seton

A judge yesterday closed a potential escape route for drunken drivers, by giving police the right to "back calculate" how much a motorist had been drinking, even if an alcohol test was avoided for many hours.

In a test case at Birmingham Crown Court, Judge Ross, QC, dismissed an appeal against conviction by Stephen Gumbley, aged 35, of Brimston, south-east London, who was found guilty of drink driving by Birmingham magistrates in June, in the first case of its kind in Britain.

Gumbley was convicted although he was below the legal limit when police finally obtained a blood sample four hours and 20 minutes after a road accident in which his brother, Gordon, died.

Gumbley was banned from driving for a year, fined £350 and ordered to pay £900 costs.

He appealed against conviction on a point of law, claiming that the Road Traffic Act 1972, as amended in 1981, did not permit the police to "back calculate". He received legal aid.

Police forces throughout the country were awaiting the outcome of Gumbley's case and several are now expected to prosecute motorists who were found to be "over the limit" on the back calculation method.

The court was told yesterday that after a late-night car crash in an underpass in Birmingham city centre in May last year, Gumbley, who had been drinking with his brother, twice refused a breath test because he felt unwell and was taken to hospital.

Four hours and 20 minutes elapsed after the accident before police could obtain a blood sample from Gumbley, but that contained only 59 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood - well within the legal limit of 80 milligrams.

But police officers did not believe Gumbley's claim to have drunk only one pint of lager. They asked Dr Robert Batten, a forensic scientist, to calculate what the level in his blood would have been at the time of the accident.

Expert evidence given in court was that alcohol left the bloodstream at the rate of 15 milligrams an hour in a normal healthy adult.

Mr Roger Smith, for West Midlands police, said that meant Gumbley would have "eliminated" 60 milligrams over the four-hour period. Added to the 59 milligrams found in the sample, his blood would have contained 119 milligrams at the time of the accident.

The judge said that the sole issue in the appeal was whether as a matter of law the police were allowed to introduce such expert evidence in the case under the provisions of the Road Traffic Act.

He said that section 6 of the amended Act stated that a person who drove "... after consuming so much alcohol" that the prescribed limit was exceeded would be guilty of an offence.

It made no reference to the way in which that was to be established in evidence and did not exclude other ways of proving how much alcohol was involved.

The judge said that whatever restrictions were placed on the prosecution in such cases by the 1972 Act, its amended form "had opened the door".

He ruled that the police, therefore, had been entitled to call such expert evidence.

After the hearing Gumbley refused to comment but his legal advisers said that they would appeal to the Divisional Court in London.

Insp Kenneth Longmore, of the Birmingham police central traffic unit, said the case would never have arisen in such a unique way but for Gumbley's refusal to take a breath test for such a long period.

Insp Longmore said that he had waited for two hours at Birmingham General Hospital to take a test from Gumbley.

The Automobile Association said last night that the rejection of Gumbley's appeal opened up new areas of concern which required study.

A spokesman said that in certain cases it might be necessary for the police to use the back calculation method, such as after accidents where people were injured and samples could not be taken immediately, but in those cases the driver should be under medical supervision.

Worry over criminal funds

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A bank would be under a statutory duty to report to the police any suspicion that a customer's funds could be derived from a criminal offence under far-reaching proposals being discussed by the Home Office and the clearing banks.

The Drug Trafficking Offences Act has already placed such a duty on banks so far as the proceeds of drug trafficking are concerned.

But both banks and officials are rapidly realizing that it is very difficult for banks to know that drug trafficking is the offence involved when there is a suspicion about a customer's account.

Home Office officials are therefore studying closely the workings of the Act, with a view to extending the so-called "laundering" offence to all crimes. Such an extension could be included in the Criminal Justice Bill which has just been published.

Under the Drug Trafficking Act, a person commits an offence if he assists in the "laundering" of money derived from drug offences, while having a suspicion that the funds could be tainted.

A bank clerk is therefore guilty of an offence if he has such a suspicion, fails to report it and, for example, arranges for funds to be transferred.

The banks are strongly opposed to any further extension of the "laundering" offence. Yesterday a spokesman for one bank said: "It was highly dangerous to make it an offence not to report a mere suspicion under the Drug Trafficking Act and this should not be extended.

"Many perfectly honest people may be too nervous to act; young bank clerks may be afraid that they would turn out to be wrong. And if they don't act, they could find themselves liable to up to 14 years' imprisonment."

He added the offence was unusual in that unlike almost all others in English law it did not have to be committed with knowledge, but only with "suspicion".

Although the Drug Trafficking Act releases banks from their duty of confidence with the client so they cannot be sued for breach of confidence, they could still be sued, in the opinion of one official, for defamation if they make a mistake and report someone wrongly.

Lighter fuel goes to China

A Tyneside firm confirmed yesterday that it had won a £1 million order to export lighter fuel to China. The Ronson company at North Shields also disclosed that it has another £2 million order for China next year, and a £500,000 order to supply fuel to Portugal, Turkey and Australia.

The company employs 100 people at North Shields. Mr Brad Hallett, the manufacturing director, said: "More jobs will probably be created as a result of the order."

Poll shows high cost of sickness

By Jill Sherman

Financial organizations are paying out millions of pounds on health care insurance and sickness absence but are doing little to help employees become healthier.

An opinion poll carried out by MORI and commissioned by BUPA, the private health insurance company, shows that 96 per cent of 112 financial organizations interviewed provided some kind of medical insurance scheme. But only a quarter provided any health education at work and never a third had no information on the cost of sickness absence to their business.

Figures from the Department of Health and Social Security show that more than 360 million days are lost each year through sickness absence. MORI found that in those companies that could provide estimates, the cost of this absence ranged from 3-10 per cent of the wages bill.

The poll found that although 80 per cent of the companies recognized that there were health problems which should be faced, 41 per cent had no idea what they should be spending to maintain a healthy workforce.

The MORI poll result was announced at a BUPA symposium on the cost benefits of health care. Mr Leon Warshaw, executive director of the New York Business Group on Health, told the symposium that soaring premiums in the United States have priced many smaller companies out of the market.

He said that American employers are now trying to reverse these rising costs by introducing modified insurance plans and asking the employees to share costs.

New hunt for moors bodies

By Ian Smith
Northern Correspondent

Police will begin a new search tomorrow for two children believed buried for 20 years on the desolate Yorkshire moors made infamous by Ian Brady and Myra Hindley.

The search results from two visits by the head of Manchester CID to Hindley in prison.

Four dogs specially trained to detect bodies will be taken to Saddleworth Moors, 10 miles north-east of Manchester to search the bleak moorland for the bodies of Benjamin Read, aged 16, who went missing on July 12, 1963, and Keith Bennett, a schoolboy who vanished while walking to his grandmother's home in a Manchester suburb on June 16, 1964, four days after his twelfth birthday.

The hunt follows an intensive 18-month re-examination of the two cases by senior detectives from Greater Manchester which culminated in the two visits made by Det Chief Supt Peter Topping, the joint head of CID, to Cookham Wood Jail in Rochester, Kent, where Hindley is serving a life sentence.

Immediately he left Hindley's cell on Monday, Mr Topping conferred with senior colleagues by telephone and it was agreed enough new facts now existed to warrant a further search of the moors.

After the CID head made a second visit to the prison yesterday, he said: "I can confirm a search of the moors will start on Thursday."

"We have in mind a particular part of the moors on which we will concentrate using police dogs. But we estimate that the search may take several weeks and obviously cannot say with any certainty whether it will be productive."

During their many years in jail, both Hindley and Brady have scorned repeated attempts by police to persuade them to disclose whether more bodies are buried on the moors and if so where.

But it is understood Hindley has now gone some way to confirming detectives' suspicions of where the missing children lie. Just before police arrived to tell Keith Bennett's mother, Mrs Winifred Johnson, about the search, her husband was taken to hospital from their Manchester home with a suspected heart attack. Last night, Mrs Johnson said: "My husband is seriously ill and I can only hope and pray that the new search will help him fight his battle for life."

"All I have ever wanted is for Keith to be buried in a proper grave which I can visit and place flowers on."



Jailed moors murderers Myra Hindley and Ian Brady

Maxwell 'vindictive man' QC says

Mr Robert Maxwell, the newspaper publisher, was a "ruthless, vindictive man with a vast ego", a High Court libel jury was told yesterday.

Mr Andrew Bateson, QC, said Mr Maxwell did not like being picked by a satirical magazine, he "hated" Private Eye and it was his intention to get a verdict that would "swat like a fly" its former editor.

The comment came during the twelfth day of the libel action brought by Mr Maxwell against Private Eye and Mr Richard Ingrams, its former editor. Mr Bateson, for the defendants, said there was nothing wrong in somebody making payments to a political party, or having an ambition to be a peer and to say either was not libellous.

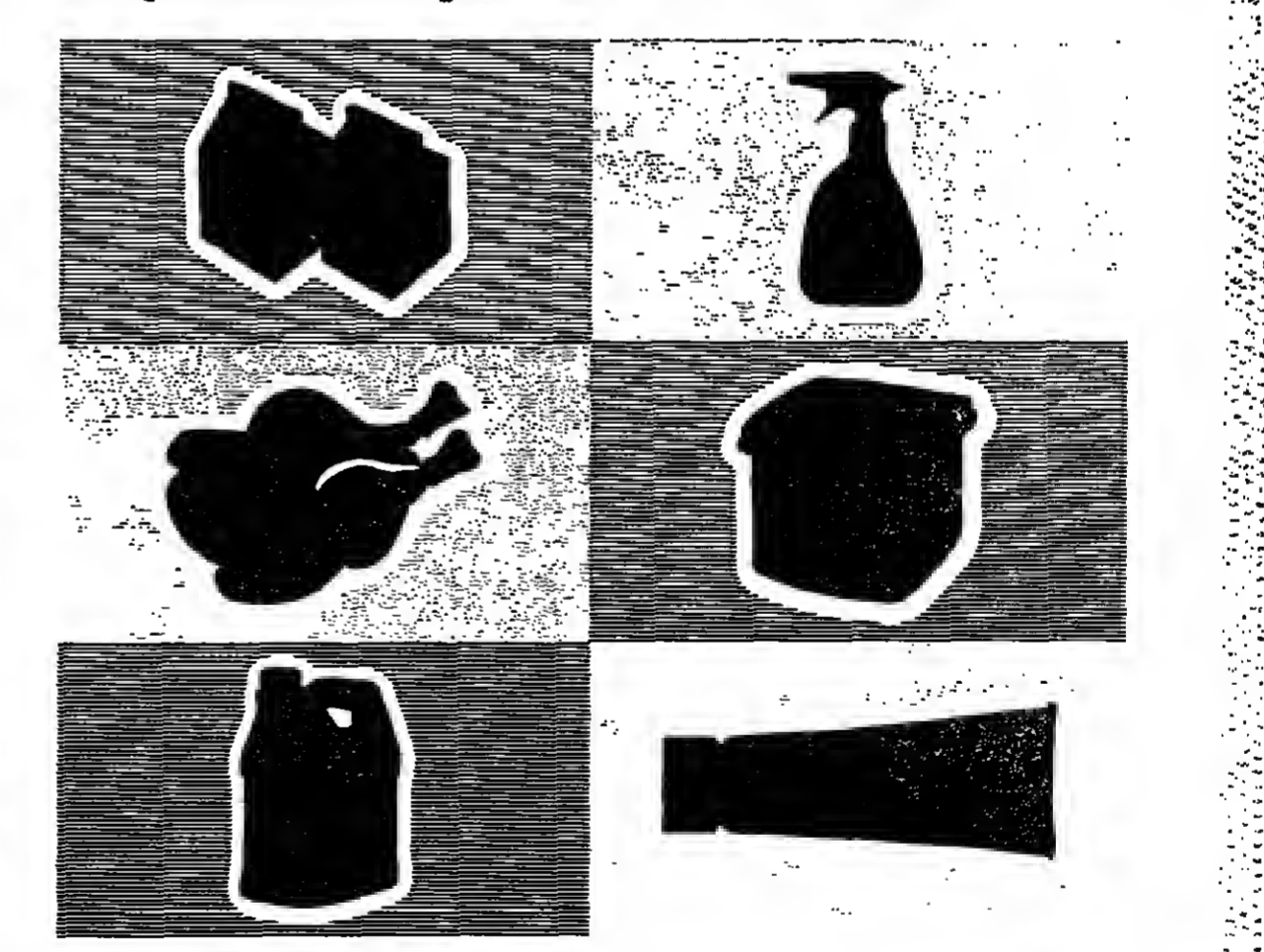
Mr Bateson, who was making his final speech to Mr Justice Brown and a jury, submitted that Mr Maxwell should not be awarded damages for his "white knight errantry" in bringing a libel action for the protection of his political system and its integrity.

Mr Maxwell, aged 63, chairman of Mirror Group Newspapers, is suing Private Eye over two articles in July 1985. He claims they implied that he was guilty of attempted bribery by suggesting that he paid for trips abroad for Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, in the hope of being recommended for a peerage.

The magazine and former editor deny defamation.

The hearing continues.

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Army denies excessive training as heat stroke kills sapper in mud run

The Army yesterday denied that it had used excessive training methods after a verdict of accidental death was returned on a soldier who died after taking part in an aptitude test to become a diver. The inquest was told he had run across mud in "sweltering" heat in a deep-sea diving suit.

Vincent Anderson, aged 19, of Southlands, Bath, a sapper in the Royal Engineers, was on the course at Horsa Island, Portsmouth, last July, when he and two others had to be taken to hospital.

Mr John Glanville, the Portsmouth coroner, said that candidates on the course were required to exercise in a dry suit used in deep diving. The suit had no apertures and no air circulating inside. They had suffered a great deal of distress.

Mr Martin Allwright, a meteorologist, said the day of the exercise, July 15, was the warmest day of the month, with temperatures rising to the mid-70s and relatively high humidity.

He described it as "siesta weather" and he agreed with a relative of the dead man, who was sitting in the court and who called out that it was "sweltering".

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death. It had been told by Surgeon Commander John Buchanan, a pathologist, that the sapper had suffered heat stroke. He said it was possible that if he had received instant medical attention he might have been saved.

He said dry suits prevented the body's normal cooling process from taking place and added: "Exercise in a dry suit should not be conducted outside of the working environment, which is water."

Servicemen had to be trained he added, to the limits for wartime service, "but you have to be well aware of the limit to which you train them and should provide medical aid on site if you are pushing them towards those limits."

After the hearing, Mr Victor Anderson, aged 45, Sapper Anderson's father, said he was considering consulting a lawyer. He claimed his son had been working late at night, serving in the officers' mess, before joining the course.

The Army yesterday denied that its training routines were excessively physical. "The old days of fierce physical exercises and punishments have long been eradicated from

today's modern Army," the Ministry of Defence said.

"It has to be remembered that this run was a normal part of the routine."

"There are 152,000 soldiers in the Army, all of whom have passed a medical examination. It is not surprising that there might be someone with a problem that has not shown up. It is not unheard of for an apparently perfectly fit civilian of 32 who plays squash one or two times a week, to drop dead with heart failure."

Mr Peter Griffiths, the Conservative MP for Portsmouth North, whose constituency covers Horsa Island, said: "There should be much greater supervision in this type of exercise."

"I would want to see a senior medical officer present, who could have the authority to call off such a test if the conditions warranted it, and an ambulance on stand-by with resuscitation equipment."

He pointed out that the run in which Sapper Anderson died was a contest. "They were all highly motivated to complete the exercise and unlike most civilians would not give up if things got too tough."

Radio 4 will be 'gently' refreshed

By Gavin Bell Arts Correspondent

There will be no radical changes to disturb the cosy familiarity and companionship offered by BBC Radio 4 to its largely middle-aged audience in the south of England.

This reassuring pledge was given yesterday by Mr Michael Green, who was appointed controller of the channel last summer.

"The essence of my policy is to evolve slowly, gradually refreshing some parts of the channel with a few surprises and experiments. The idea of radical change is simply not on for Radio 4."

Mr Green said he felt that the news and current affairs content was about right, but would like to extend the range of drama and light entertainment to attract new listeners, particularly in the younger age groups.

Contrary to a report in a Sunday newspaper, there are no immediate plans to launch a twice-weekly soap opera to rival *The Archers*. However his executives were discussing the possibility of commissioning more serials.

"Without compromising our commitment to single plays and new writers, I have asked them to explore ways of developing our drama. But it is still early days yet."

Mr Green was keen to introduce a little more music, principally in feature programmes, and this was also under discussion.

Highlights of his Christmas and new year schedule include the return of the early morning news magazine, *Today*, after an absence of almost 10 years.

A chance discovery by a BBC archivist will provide a Christmas treat for *Goon Show* addicts - five programmes from the 1950s that were heard abroad, but not in Britain. Spike Milligan also returns to present his first radio series for 15 years.

A cerebral clash between the winners and runners-up of Radio 4's *Brain of Britain* and BBC-1's *Mastermind* is billed for New Year's Day.

The drama line-up is led by a series of nine classic British detective plays. Features include the Archbishop of Canterbury selecting his favourite poetry and prose for the *Witch Great Pleasure* series on December 20.



Mr Peter Gibson working on a replacement for the Rose Window at York Minster, which suffered substantial damage during a fire more than two years ago.

Save Our Snakes campaign launched

Conservationists launched a campaign yesterday to save Britain's reptiles and amphibians, which they claim are being tortured and killed in alarming numbers.

A report produced by the Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, with funding from the RSPCA and Nature Conservancy, found "numerous examples of needless mutilation and destruction of snakes, frogs and toads".

The campaign, called "Save Our Snakes", is really an SOS for all wildlife not protected by animal welfare legislation, Mr Paul Vodden, of the RSPCA, said.

Most cruelly offenders are prosecuted under the 1911 Protection of Animals Act, but this covers only captive and domestic animals. The Wildlife and Countryside Act offers no protection either for the common species of reptiles and amphibians at risk.

A man aged 32, who suffered from mental illness after being bitten by a poisonous snake when he was eight, died after jumping in front of an express train at Wimbledon in October.

The jury at a Westminster inquest returned a verdict that David McGuirk, a machine minder, of Devonshire Avenue, Sheerwater, Surrey, killed himself while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

Clergymen told there are too many churches

Britain's 45,000 church buildings are "far beyond" the needs and finances of today's congregations and numbers should be reduced by long-term national and local planning.

This is the conclusion of a report by the British Council of Churches, which will be debated at the council's autumn assembly in London next week.

Clergymen are urged to face the "harsh realities" that many Victorian churches and chapels were built to last 100 more than 100 years.

The report quotes a leading architect: "You can understand the dilemma which faces us all in Britain, with approximately 45,000 fine buildings - some the very finest, even by international standards - and perhaps only 25 per cent of them required for their original purpose."

"Into the bargain, it is sadly the case that the right church is often in the wrong place."

The report says population movements from the inner city to distant housing estates has left many church buildings stranded in busy commercial centres or run-down areas.

Half of the money raised by Anglican parishes in England every year is said to be spent on maintenance and repairs.

The report said: "Because of the growing gap between the deterioration of buildings and the means available to the churches, it will not be possible for any church in Britain to preserve all the buildings presently owned by the church or its congregations."

The conclusion is that some churchgoers will have to be prepared to worship with other congregations - sometimes even in churches of a different denomination.

Test-tube babies join protest

Twenty test-tube babies and their parents gathered at the Commons yesterday to protest at the possibility of a Bill to stop the kind of experiments which made test-tube births possible.

For the past two years, private members' Bills to curb research on human embryos have been discussed by MPs, but they failed through lack of time. The ballot to select this year's private members' Bills takes place tomorrow.

Mr Allan Maddocks, from Merseyside, father of test-tube baby Samantha, aged five months, said: "Without this research going on we would be childless."

Mr Kenneth Hargreaves, Conservative MP for Hyndburn, who put forward last year's Bill, met the parents

Protest over student grants

College lecturers and local authorities combined yesterday to deplore the "shrivelling" of student grants since 1979 which they claimed was causing severe hardship among those seeking higher education.

Three remarkably corroborative submissions to the education select committee, the Association of County Councils (ACC), the Association of Metropolitan Authorities (AMA) and the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education all claimed that the value of the student grant had fallen by at least 20 per cent in real terms since 1979.

But they also argued that this reduction had been exacerbated by other factors and was "in reality far more severe".

Two unavoidable areas of student expenditure - books and accommodation - had risen by considerably more than the rate of inflation in that period, while the "broad brush" approach of the grants system failed to take sufficient account of particular needs and regional anomalies such as extortionate housing rents in London.

And they argued that the system of parental contributions should be abolished. Parents found it "irrational and unfair". According to the ACC the number of parents expected to pay contributions has risen from 25 to 44 per cent since 1980, but barely

Shark on roof must go

Oxford City Council has given Mr William Heine six weeks to remove an internationally famous sculpture of a shark from the roof of his terrace house in New High Street, Oxford.

Mr Heine presented a 3,111-name petition in support of the 20ft sculpture by John Buckley, but councillors decided he should not be allowed to ignore planning regulations.

Protest halts cruise convoy

A cruise missile convoy was halted for more than an hour by anti-nuclear protesters near Andover, Hampshire, yesterday.

The convoy was en route from the Greenham Common base to Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire for a training exercise.

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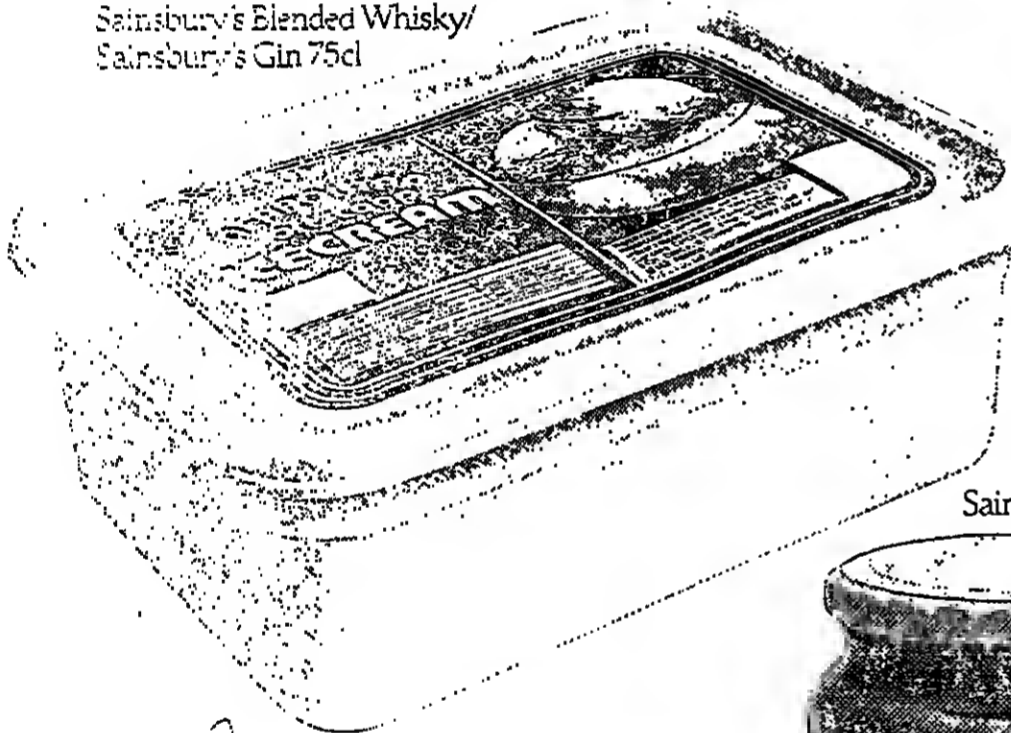
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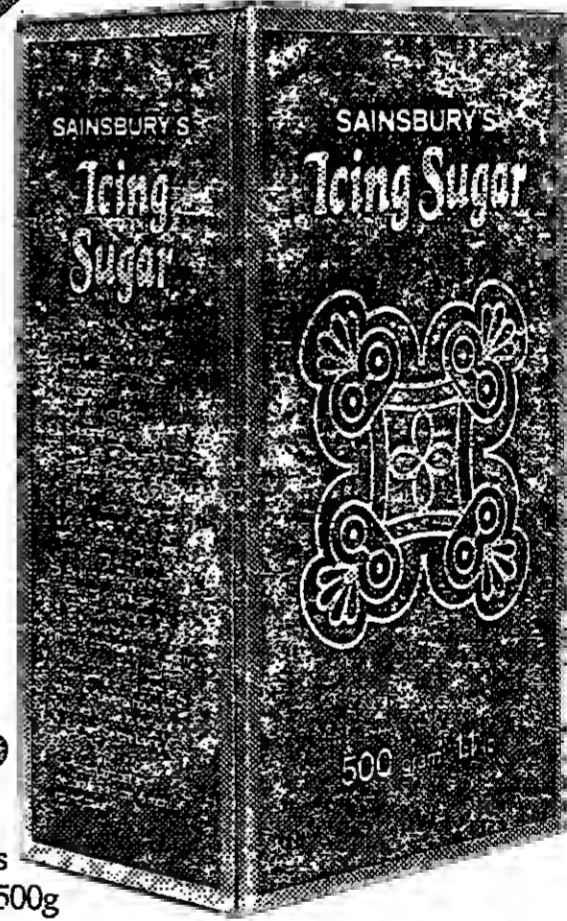
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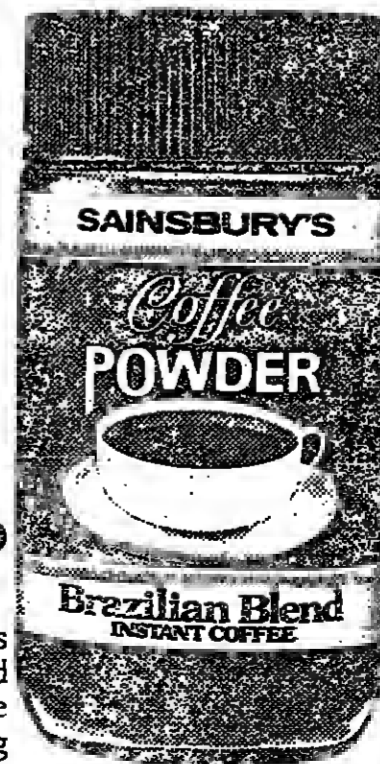
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IBA meets next week to choose satellite TV franchise holder

By Kenneth Gosling

Eleven people will sit down in an office in Brompton Road opposite Harrods in central London next Monday to begin a process that will lead in a little over three years to the introduction of a three-channel satellite television service.

Ten of the group - seven men and three women - are the members of the Independent Broadcasting Authority who next week will examine closely the claims of five consortia to operate a complete direct-broadcast satellite service for which the franchise is expected to be awarded before Christmas. The eleventh is Mr John Whitney, the IBA's director general.

At the head of the IBA team will be Lord Thomson of Monifieth, the authority's chairman. The authority normally is made up of 12 people, including the chairman, but is short of a deputy chairman and one member.

One of the bidding groups has predicted that within six years of its launch almost a third of homes in Britain with television will own a dish antenna to pick up satellite broadcasts. The award of the 15-year franchise could lead to the creation of 70,000 new jobs.

All the applications had to be in by last August and since



Mr John Whitney, director general of the IBA

then staff of the authority has carried out a line-by-line scrutiny, ironing out queries so that the full authority will be primed on the sort of questions to ask next week. Technical officers will be standing by to offer advice.

The vetting will be thorough: if any group fails to satisfy the IBA members it could be called back for a further interview. Initially each consortium will be given half an hour to make its presentation which will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

Of the five main consortia, industry sources fancy two principal contenders: DBS

UK Ltd, financed by advertising, and BSB (British Satellite Broadcasting), which will be subscription-based. The other three are DBL (Direct Broadcasting Ltd), NBS (National Broadcasting Service) and SatUK Broadcasting.

Many household names figure in the groups - DBS UK Ltd has London Weekend Television International, Saatchi & Saatchi and Dixons among its partners; BSB has Granada, Anglia TV, Amstrad and Virgin; DBL includes Ferranti, News International and Cambridge Electronic Industries.

As well as the "big five", Independent Television News has submitted plans for a 24-hour news service and Starscream, also known as the Children's Channel, hopes to have its programming included in the successful system.

Although under international agreements the UK has two more satellite channels, the Government does not propose to allocate them until the new service has been running for at least three years.

DBS services are not required under the Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984 to have wide range and balance in subject matter and sufficient time for news.



Princess Anne inspecting the guard of honour provided by HMS Neptune when she visited the Royal Navy's Faslane submarine base on the Clyde, as Chief Commandant of the Women's Royal Navy Service. During her visit the Princess, who arrived by boat, opened an accommodation block for Wrens and watched a submarine attack on an electronic simulator.

Heseltine seeks more inner city help

Mr Michael Heseltine, who as a minister was put in charge of rebuilding the inner cities after the 1981 riots, called yesterday for the establishment of an English development agency to bring new life to the inner cities.

He told a conference in London on inner city renewal that the "desolation" of areas in the heart of English cities was too big a problem for local councils to tackle alone.

"It's a question of scale," he said. "Nothing is going to happen unless it is led by the

Government: the responsibility lies there. But although set up by the Government, the new agency, modelled on similar bodies for Scotland and Wales, should be led by an industrialist and businessmen from private industries.

"It is only in the private sector that you get the speed of decision-making we need. It has an edge to it which, if properly regulated and balanced, is to be admired."

Mr Heseltine, who resigned as Secretary of State for Defence over the Westland affair,

said: "I would want to set up a body of people to whom would be transferred much of the urban policy administration of local government."

"I would give it a partnership of the various aspects of our society who have to cope with the issue."

"It would include representatives of the public and voluntary sectors. But it should be led by people from the private sector because they have that decision-making ability at speed."

Mr Heseltine cited the

London Docklands Development Corporation which he founded while in office as having "set alight an area which had mouldered for decades."

He added: "We have got to create a balanced, entrepreneurial society that is capable of supporting itself."

The idea that the problems of inner cities could be solved by encouraging residents to set up their own businesses was "fatally flawed". Once they became successful they would move out, leaving areas even more deprived.

Director 'flooded' company's rifle range

A secret camera allegedly caught a managing director pouring buckets of water on to his company's new rifle range in order to win thousands of pounds in compensation by claiming it was prone to flooding. A court was told yesterday.

Mr Rodney Wyles, aged 61, of Southwell, Nottinghamshire, denies two charges of deception and one of attempted deception.

Mr Brian Appleby, QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Wyles had been paid £11,600 by the construction company, Arrowcraft (Dominion) Investments, before it became suspicious and installed the secret remote control camera. "He was dramatically caught in the act putting water on the range," Mr Appleby told Lincoln Crown Court.

Hundreds of photographs were taken when Mr Wyles, the major shareholder of C Smiths (Gunsmiths) of St Marks, Newark, Nottinghamshire, walked on to the underground testing range late at night. Several, showing him throwing buckets of water about, were viewed by the jury.

The jury was told Mr Wyles admitted throwing buckets of water on to the range, but said he was merely "swilling down" lead shot. The case continues.

Students advised on heckling

Students at University College, Cardiff, were yesterday issued with guidelines on how to heckle political speakers.

They were issued as disciplinary action was dropped against 10 left-wing students who shouted down Mr Enoch Powell, the Ulster Unionist MP for South Down.

The students faced action after their chanting forced Mr Powell to abandon a speech he was due to give to Conservative students at the college in October.

The college said it had considered taking the action only to safeguard freedom of speech.

Guidelines have now been issued jointly by the university's students' union and the college authorities.

But Dr Alfred Moritz, registrar, emphasized that if a speaker is stopped from speaking again then disciplinary action would be taken.

"The college views the maintenance of freedom of speech within the law as of paramount importance," he said.

The guidelines for the conduct of political meetings say that college authorities should formally notify the union about the visit of a controversial speaker. The union can then advise whether it believes that the meeting should be cancelled.

If the speaker is allowed to come, then demonstrators can enter the meeting in an orderly way under union supervision.

The joint statement says heckling, and then chanting is allowed to take place if racist or sexist comments are made from the platform.

Girl threw baby boy at wall

A baby died after a girl aged five threw him against a hotel bedroom wall, an inquest was told yesterday.

Osbourne, aged three weeks had been left in his cot in a bedroom at a hotel in St Leonards, East Sussex, while his unemployed parents cooked a meal in the basement last July.

The baby's mother, Mrs Lynette Osbourne, told the inquest, at St Pancras, London, that she returned to the first floor bedroom and found two small girls there.

"I asked them what they were doing and one of them said that the other one had hurt the baby. I picked him up and his face was all grazed."

The baby was taken to a local hospital and later transferred to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London. He died 35 minutes after being admitted.

WPC Deborah Willoughby told the inquest that one of the girls, aged six, said her five-year-old friend dropped the baby on to the floor.

"She put it back in the pram and rocked it hard again. Then she got it out and this time she threw it against a wall," WPC Willoughby also read extracts from an interview with the five-year-old.

"I said: 'How many times was the baby dropped?' She replied: 'Five or six.'"

A post-mortem examination showed the cause of death was a haemorrhage with a fractured skull.

Mr Chambers, recording an open verdict, said he had thought long and hard about the case but considered that a verdict of unlawful killing would be improper.

Gleneagles lands the supreme AA accolade

Gleneagles Hotel in Perthshire yesterday became the only Automobile Association Five Star hotel outside London.

The accolade, contained in the AA Hotel and Restaurant Guide, published yesterday, puts Gleneagles in the same category as the Berkeley, Claridges, the Connaught, Dorchester and the Savoy.

Mr Edward Murphy, AA director for Scotland, said yesterday: "Not only is this a particularly significant award for the hotel industry, but also for the Scottish tourist trade. I am glad to say that although the name Gleneagles is still synonymous with all that is best in Britain, the hotel has

succeeded in opening its doors to a wider clientele, while at the same time improving its standards."

During the past five years £9 million has been spent on restoring the hotel and on an indoor sport and leisure complex. Earlier this year plans were announced for a £3 million equestrian centre opening in 1988 and to be managed by Captain Mark Phillips.

Mr Brian Baldock, chairman of Gleneagles Hotels, said: "This is a momentous day in the hotel's 62-year history and it justifies all the hard work and investment that has gone into this elegant building over the past few years."

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Bellringer's £1,120 after losing job

A woman who refused to work on Sundays because she is a bellringer has been awarded £1,120 compensation for unfair dismissal.

Mrs Stephanie Lindhorst-Jones, aged 19, of Deva Close, Oakenholt, Clwyd, North Wales, told an industrial tribunal at Colwyn Bay last month she had been a bellringer for 11 years and described it as a commitment rather than a hobby.

The tribunal, in a reserved decision announced yesterday, ruled that she was dismissed unfairly from her job as clerical assistant with Aber Building Supplies, of Flint.

She was dismissed by Mr David Hopkins, the managing director, "in a fit of pique, because she had not agreed to work on Sunday."

Gallium Arsenide: the latest.

The next generation of integrated circuits will be made from gallium arsenide, a material, the experts say, that could be as important in the next decade as silicon was in the last. Chips made from gallium arsenide (GaAs) will work faster than silicon chips, will work at much higher temperatures and will have optical qualities applicable in laser technology.

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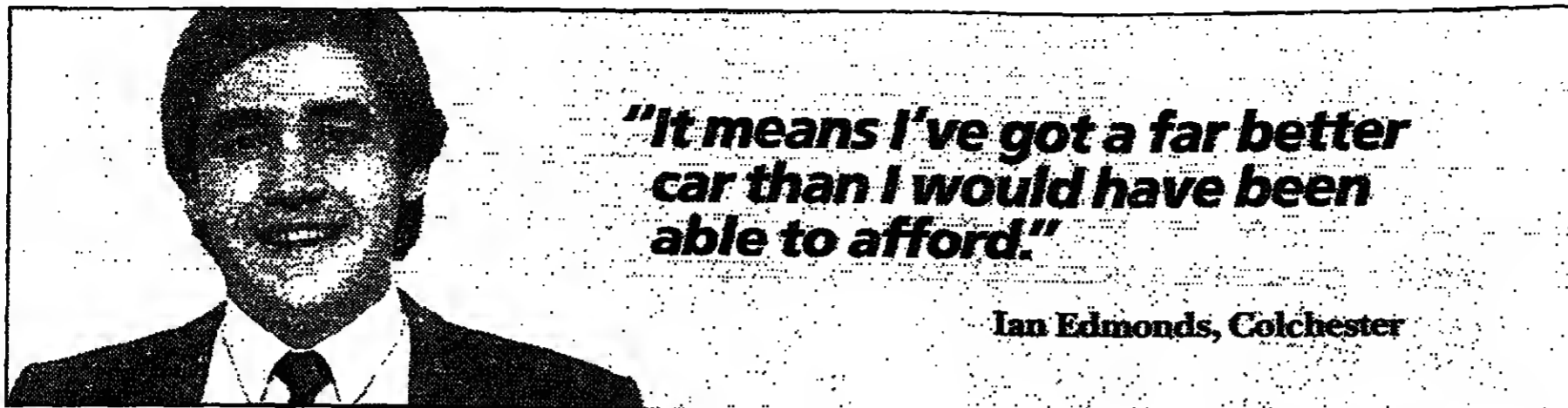
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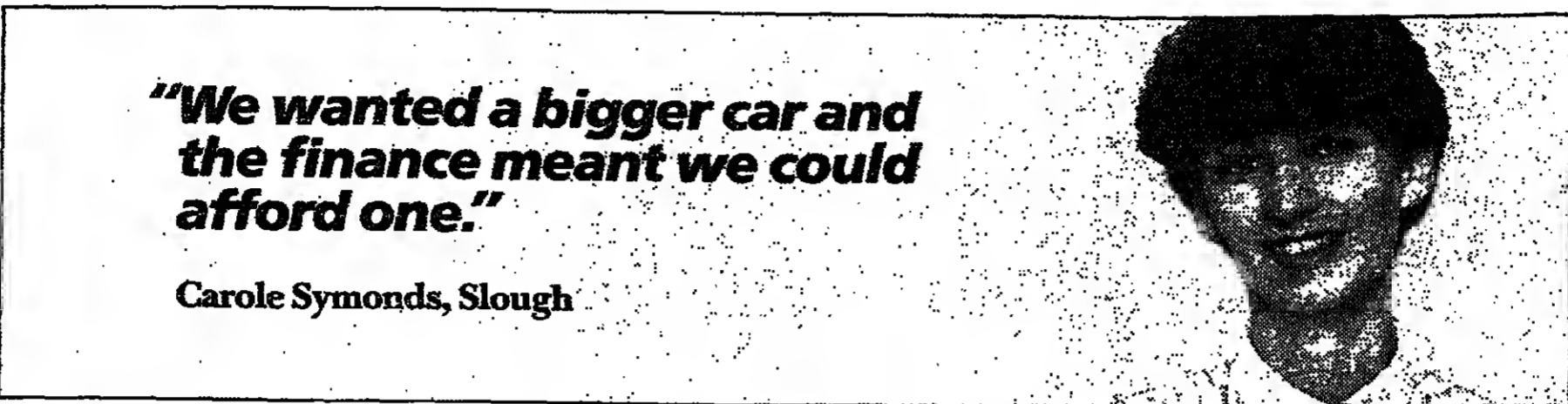
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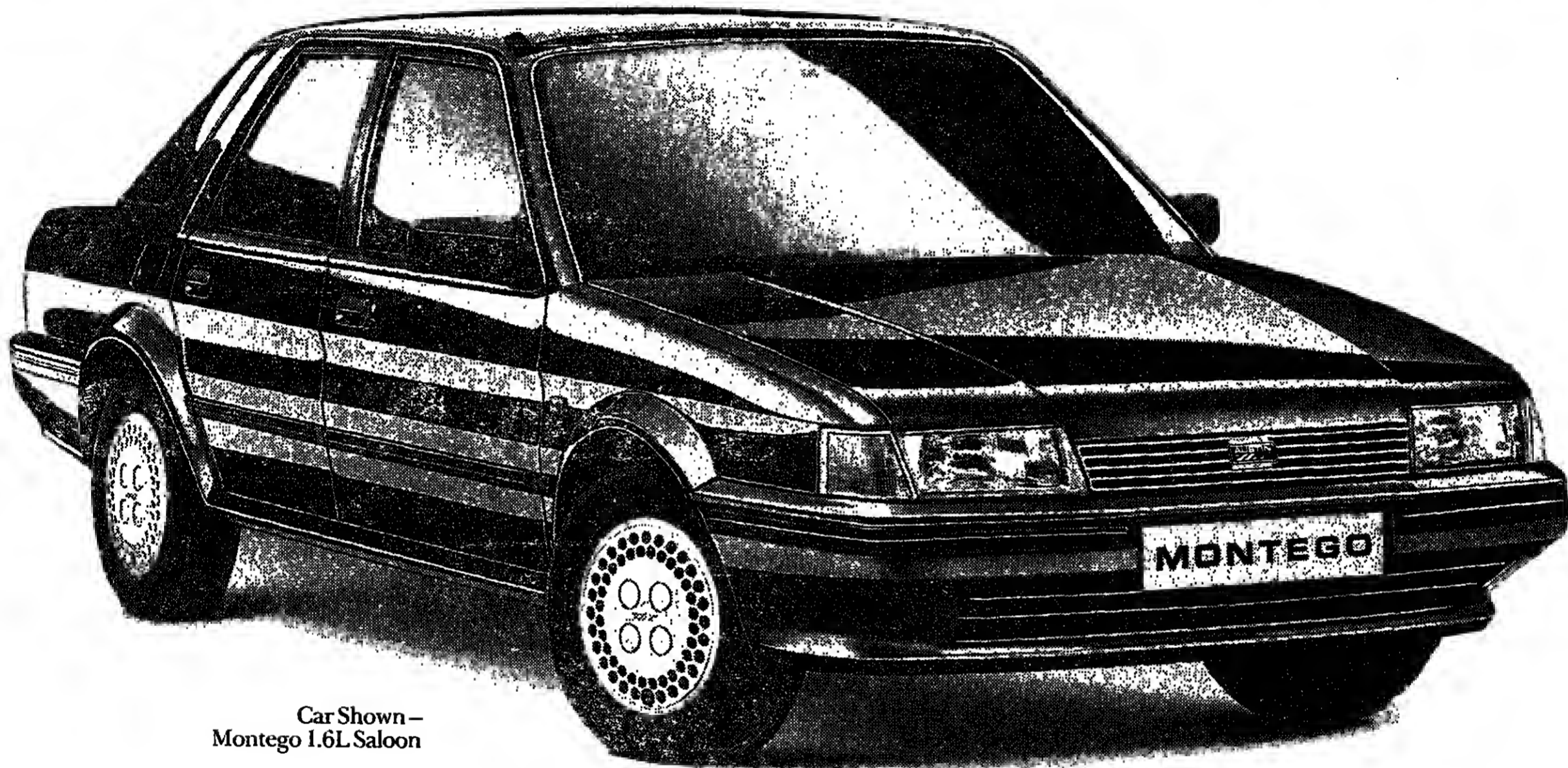
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Reagan heads off Shultz resignation

Washington — An order by President Reagan to end arms shipments to Iran appears to have forestalled the immediate resignation of Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, although his days in the Administration may still be numbered (Christopher Thomas writes).

Although their policy differences have been papered over, some aides believe that Mr Shultz has already decided to resign because he sees no prospect of advance on the issues of international terrorism and arms control, both of which have been underpinned by recent events.

LOS ANGELES: Only 14 per cent of those questioned believed President Reagan's statement about swapping weapons for hostages, but 58 per cent of Americans still approved of him, according to a new Los Angeles Times nationwide poll (Ivor Davis writes).

Jerusalem protest

Jerusalem — Shopkeepers in the Old City of Jerusalem held a strike yesterday in protest at the anti-Arab violence which has erupted every night since the murder of a Jewish Bible student on Saturday (Ian Murray writes).

Some classes in Arab schools were also closed to mark the community's anger at the stonings and deliberate damage to Arab property. Gangs of young Jews in the Jerusalem suburbs which was the murdered man's home stoned cars. Roads were blocked by burning tyres.

In the Knesset yesterday afternoon a series of emergency motions on the murder and subsequent rioting were tabled.



Envoy to Pretoria

Johannesburg — Mr Edward Perkins (left), Washington's new and first black Ambassador to Pretoria, arrived here yesterday just as the three-week-old strike at General Motors in Port Elizabeth, provoked by the American parent company's decision last month to sell its South African operation to local management, collapsed (Michael Hornsby writes).

Mr Perkins said only that he was "glad to be in South Africa".

Fear over tax file theft

Ottawa — Police were questioning a suspect yesterday in the bizarre case of a stolen master file containing tax information on 16 million Canadians (John Best writes).

The file was recovered in Toronto only a few hours after its disappearance on October 30 had been announced in the House of Commons by Mr Elmer MacKay, the Minister of National Revenue.

It contained microfiche records on practically every Canadian who paid income tax last year. Officials could offer no immediate assurance that the file, or parts of it, had not been duplicated.

Ndebele chief dies

Johannesburg — The Chief Minister of the KwaNdebele tribal homeland, Mr Simon Skosana, aged 59, one of the main proponents of "independence" for the territory, has died in hospital. He had been ill for some time (Michael Hornsby writes).

Mr Skosana suffered a severe rebuff in August when the KwaNdebele Legislative Assembly decided not to go ahead with "independence", scheduled for December 11.

Back to school

Los Angeles — Ryan Thomas, a five-year-old Aids victim, banned from kindergarten two months ago after being another pupil, must be allowed to return to class, a Los Angeles judge has ruled (Ivor Davis writes).

Judge Alice Marie Stotler noted: "As well meaning as the school has tried to be, the overwhelming medical evidence presented to this court shows that there is nothing to fear from this child."

US experts claim Star Wars a waste of time

By Nicholas Beeson

British scientists who conduct research into President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) will be "wasting their time" according to two senior American scientists.

Dr Richard Garwin, a senior adviser to the US Government and IBM, and Dr Hugh DeWitt, a theoretical physicist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, also claimed that the Star Wars initiative is scientifically flawed.

The two men, who spoke to MPs in London yesterday, said research among their colleagues at the US National Academy of Science this month showed that 78 per cent believed the prospects of a Star Wars defensive system being built in the next 25 years were poor or very poor.

Dr DeWitt said that the American scientific community was mounting a growing campaign to change the minds of the President and the American public.

He forecast that unless Washington conceded over SDI the superpowers would be locked into another costly arms race.

Children for sale as Lebanese pound plunges

From Robert Flisk Beirut

Ahmed Badr Tawashah is offering to sell his children to the highest bidder. His advertisement in the Lebanese daily *an-Nahar* is uncompromising:

"For sale — eight children. I, Ahmed Badr Tawashah from Kibbeh, offer my eight under-aged children for the price of getting them out of Lebanon and giving them the basic necessities of life."

It was a terrible, unprecedented sign of the times in Lebanon, where the economy is collapsing so fast that tens of thousands of people are becoming impoverished by the week.

Yesterday, the Lebanese pound — which stood at 5.5 against sterling in 1983 — passed the rate of 100 to the £, a fall of more than 10 per cent in 24 hours.

Nor was Mr Tawashah staging a public relations exercise. He walked into the Tripoli office of *an-Nahar*, pleading with the staff to print his advertisement on the grounds that it would cost his final savings. By last night, a man described as a Saudi prince and two people in Dubai had replied to his appeal.

In Cairo, the prince, who remained anonymous, called on the Lebanese ambassador, Mr Abdul-Rahman Solh, offering to adopt all eight children. A Dubai woman, Maswaa Janna, said she would take in the daughters, while a businessman in the same country, Abdullah al-Shafar, said he would do anything he could for the children.

The effect of the economic collapse has been immediate and dramatic. Repeated warnings about the fall of the Lebanese currency bore no relation to the extent of its destruction on the market yesterday, when the Central Bank foreclosed on all dealings to prevent its further decline.

In Hamra Street, in the commercial district of west Beirut, money-changers could be seen selling dollars with loaded pistols on their desks beside them. Not a bank in the city was without at least two gunmen protecting its premises. Bank robberies have become endemic, despite assertions by the Syrian authorities in west Beirut that they will prevent thefts.

On one wall in Hamra Street someone had plastered a poster depicting an enlargement of a Lebanese 51 note, the smallest paper currency in the country and decorated with a drawing of the surviving columns of the Temple of Jupiter at Baalbek.

"The death of the Lebanese pound," said the caption underneath. And indeed, nothing could symbolize so mournfully the demise of a currency that once provided a financial pillar in the Arab world than the reproduction of a note which costs more to print than it is worth on the market.

Lebanese bankers spoke of "chaos" in the exchange rates when the US dollar passed \$1Leb73 yesterday. There was near-panic at some exchange dealers as people tried to convert their money into dollars while the rates increased.

As all but the most staple foodstuffs increased in price, investors, businessmen and landlords found their wealth depreciating almost by the hour.

Everyone in Lebanon knows the reasons for the disaster: the absolute failure of the much-publicized Christian-Muslim rapprochement last spring, continued instability of southern Lebanon, the rapidly growing power of a rejuvenated Palestine Liberation Organization, and the withdrawal of Western political and financial support — not to mention the inability of the Syrians to fulfil their "security plan" in west Beirut — has sapped all confidence in the currency.

Even as the money-changers were switching their rates yesterday, shells were falling around the Bouj el-Barajneh Palestinian camp in west Beirut from gun batteries in the Metn Hills. The targets were the Amal militiamen besieging the camp.

The artillery was being fired by supporters of Abu Moussa's Palestinian faction, theoretically loyal to Syria, and to Amal, but giving support nonetheless to Mr Yasser Arafat's guerrillas inside the camp.

Farm ministers fail to resolve crisis over EEC dairy mountain

From Richard Owen, Brussels

After two days of talks, attempts by EEC farm ministers to agree on crisis measures to deal with Europe's dairy mountains collapsed yesterday with no glimmer of compromise in sight.

The EEC Commission had made the soaring milk and butter surpluses a test case of Europe's ability to cope with the crisis. The ministers' failure presents Mrs Thatcher with the unwelcome prospect of having to tackle the farm policy crisis when she presides over the EEC summit in London in two weeks' time.

The EEC meeting, chaired by Mr Michael Jopling, the British Agriculture Minister, held a final, late-night session in a bid to overcome resistance to reform in the beef sector, a slightly less intractable part of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

But Mr John Selwyn Gummer, the junior Agriculture Minister, said that there was no more than faint hope of a compromise on cuts in beef production, and further efforts would be made at the next EEC Farm Council on December 8 — the last under the British presidency.

The London EEC summit is the highlight of Britain's six-month presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers, which ends next month. Mrs Thatcher vowed before Britain took over in July that reform of the CAP would be a British priority.

Some officials believe that only heads of government — with Mrs Thatcher giving the lead — can now override the farm ministers' unwillingness to take decisions likely to alienate European farmers.

A rival school of thought, which appears to have the upper hand among those planning the London summit agenda, is that Mrs Thatcher would risk a debacle by asking fellow EEC leaders to sort out the thorny farming crisis at a two-day summit.

"Chancellor Kohl faces an election in January," one EEC diplomat said yesterday. "How can he damage his chances of re-election by putting German farmers out of business?"

Mrs Thatcher's best option, such diplomats say, is to "brush the CAP problem under the carpet" and hand it over to the Belgians, who inherit the presidency in January. But some officials think that Mrs Thatcher's style could lead her to tackle the CAP head-on.

The Commission is demanding total dairy quota cuts of 6 per cent and stiff fines for milk and butter surplus production.

It also wants limited intervention buying of EEC beef, with lower prices and strict thresholds for beef production in all EEC states, coupled with a determined beef export drive. There is a beef surplus of 600,000 tonnes, a milk powder surplus of a million tonnes and a butter mountain of 1.5 million tonnes.

Opposition to reform came yesterday from Herr Ignaz Kiechle, the West German Farm Minister, and M Francois Guillaume, his French counterpart, both of whom run farms of their own.

In reply to Mr Richard Cottrill, Conservative Euro-Parliamentary Member for Bristol, Mr Henning Christophersen, the Budget Commissioner, said that the Commission did not intend to abandon the CAP altogether, but its soaring costs had to be controlled.

On the Anglo-French lamb war, M Guillaume warned that attacks on lorries carrying British lamb to France would continue following the Commission's failure to agree on the application of a border tax to British lamb exports.

Mr Frans Andriessen, the Agriculture Commissioner, was said to be furious over poor attendance at the Commission's Monday meeting on the lamb war, but said he would still pursue a solution.

There was also bad feeling in talks on another food war — between Britain and Ireland over beef exports — with Mr Gummer accusing the Commission of discriminating against Britain by refusing to devalue the green pound for beef transactions.

Mr Gummer said that devaluation of the Irish green punt two months ago had given Ireland an unfair price advantage and that this, together with smuggling across the Irish-Ulster border, had had a devastating effect on the beef cattle industry of Northern Ireland.

Officials pointed out that although currency fluctuations had worked against Britain over Irish beef, they had benefited Britain in its lamb exports to France, so that it was a case of "swings and roundabouts". Mr Gummer said that the two issues were not connected.



Five of the crew who flew the last successful Columbia shuttle mission in January chatting with another astronaut, Michael Coats, second from left, at Cape Canaveral in Florida, where they have begun practicing for a simulated countdown.

Seven-year history of terror

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Action Directe, the group responsible for the murder of M Georges Besse, managing director of Renault Cars, is an extreme-Left French terrorist organization which was formed in 1979 from the merger of two other militant extreme-Left groups. Since then, it has claimed responsibility for more than 50 terrorist attacks in France, mostly in and around Paris.

Its targets have mainly been military buildings, offices of political parties, establishments with Jewish connections and big business. At first, the attacks were aimed at causing material damage without actually injuring or killing people.

But its tactics have changed since January 1985, when the group split in two and a new and much more violent international faction emerged to join forces with the German Red Army Faction and the Belgian Cellules Communistes Combattantes (CCC). It is also thought to have links with the Italian Red Brigades and the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction (Farh), the group responsible for the recent wave of bombings in Paris.

The group claimed responsibility for the murder in January 1985 of General René Audran, head of France's arms sales division at the Ministry of Defence; the attempted murder of M Henri Blandin, another senior French Defence official, in June 1985; the attempted murder of M Guy Braun, vice-president of the main French employers' association last April; and a bomb attack against a Paris police office in which Inspector Marcel Basdevant was killed last July.

It is also suspected of being responsible for the murder in April of Mr Kenneth Marston.

Amid a feeling of horror and indignation at Renault, M Aimé Jardon, deputy managing director, was named interim managing director yesterday. The executive board is to go ahead with a meeting on Friday when 5,000 more redundancies are expected to be announced (Diane Geddes writes from Paris).

British head of the French branch of Black and Decker, the American tool company.

The group's ideology and aims remain vague. After the bombing of the Interpol headquarters outside Paris in May it left pamphlets declaring its intention "to hit central installations which link their political, economic and military strategy, and at the heart of which are found the strongest antagonisms of the international proletariat/imperialist bourgeoisie; to concretize the qualitative leap of all antagonisms of the masses and develop them toward a global revolutionary strategy".

The following is a list of attacks carried out by Action Directe over the past few months:

November 11: Three bombs in Paris outside French companies with South African links against President Botha's visit. No one hurt.

November 1: Two bombs in Paris in protest at the French Government's alleged anti-immigrant policies. One hurt.

July 21: A bomb attack against the Paris headquarters of the OECD. No one hurt.

July 9: A bomb attack against the offices of the anti-gang brigade of the Paris police, in which Inspector Basdevant was killed and three other policemen seriously injured.

July 6: Two bombs, one against a computer division of Thomson, the French electronics company, the other against the offices of Air Liquide.

May 16: Gun attack against Interpol headquarters outside Paris. A police officer injured.

April 26: Kenneth Marston, British head of the French branch of Black and Decker, shot dead outside his home in Lyons.

April 15: Attempted assassination by two gunmen of Guy Braun, vice-president of the main French employers' association, outside his home in the suburbs of Paris.

Syrian car 'used by bombers'

From John England Berlin

The Syrian Embassy in East Berlin was directly involved in a bomb attack in West Berlin by two Jordanians, the West Berlin High Court was told yesterday.

Ahmed Hasi, a brother of Nezar Hindawi, the terrorist jailed in Britain for 45 years, collected the bomb from the embassy about three weeks before the attack on the German-Arab Society's centre in the West Berlin on March 29.

The embassy's role in the bombing was described by Mr Hasi in a statement to police after his arrest on April 18 which was read by Herr Hans-Joachim Heinze, the presiding judge.

Both Mr Hasi and the other defendant, Faruk Salameh, have confessed to placing the bomb. Statements by Mr Hasi which were read in court on Monday said that the bomb was brought from Syria to the Syrian Embassy in East Germany in February by a man named either Abu Ahmed or Haytham Saad. An embassy car was used to carry the bomb.

Howe briefing: Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday briefed East Germany's Foreign Minister, Herr Oskar Fischer, on the Hindawi bomb plot and Syria's involvement.



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Amnesty report says Russians involved in Afghan torture

By Nicholas Beeson

Soviet occupation forces in Afghanistan, working with Afghan interrogators, have taken part in the torture of civilian prisoners since their invasion seven years ago, according to a report published today by Amnesty International.

Using evidence collected by former Afghan prisoners now living as refugees outside the country, the human rights group claims that civilian detainees are subjected regularly to electric shocks, beatings and other forms of torture and that several people are reported to have died following interrogation.

The report, called *Afghanistan: Torture of Political Prisoners*, claims that people suspected of supporting the anti-communist guerrillas are arrested by agents of the Khedmat-e-Etelaat-e-Dawlati (Khad), the state information service, and subjected to torture in several centres across the country.

Many witnesses said that Soviet personnel were present when prisoners were tortured and that they often appeared to be directing the interrogation.

In a few cases Russians were accused of actually taking part in electric-shock torture, using a device referred to as the "telephone", in which wires are attached to sensitive parts of the body and the handle on a small machine turned to generate electricity.

One Afghan bank em-

ployee, aged 29, recalls: "They applied the wires to my fingers and first one Afghan pulled the handle and after that the Soviet also pulled the handle once."

Former prisoners, who asked for their names not to be published, also reported having been beaten with clubs, wire cables and rubber lashes. Other forms of physical abuse included being deprived of sleep and being made to stand for long periods, sometimes in cold water or snow.

Women prisoners said that they were also tortured, and the report says that there are consistent accounts that women were forced to watch the torture of male detainees.

Conditions in Afghan prisons are also criticized, and the report says that detainees are often kept for long periods in solitary confinement or in overcrowded prisons like Pul-e-Charkhi, outside Kabul, which was built for 5,000 inmates but now houses 10,000 people.

Amnesty claims that the torture and arrests without trial are a contravention of Afghan and international law.

The group said that it tried to contact President Gromyko of the Soviet Union and President Behraki Karmal of Afghanistan about the allegations. There was no response from either government.

Afghanistan: Torture of Political Prisoners (Amnesty International, 5 Roberts Place, London EC1R 0EJ, £2.50).

Muslims say seven helicopters down

Islamabad (AP) — Soviet and Afghan forces have made large-scale attacks against Muslim guerrilla forces across Afghanistan, resulting in savage fighting and heavy casualties in many parts of the country, according to western diplomatic sources here yesterday.

The sources said that reports from Afghanistan described heavy fighting in the north, south and east. Thousands of Soviet and Afghan Government soldiers, backed by tanks and aircraft, have been attacking guerrilla positions, they said.

Some of the heaviest fighting has been in Kandahar, in the south-east, where guerrillas and Soviet troops have been involved in street battles and many civilians killed in bombardments and air raids.

The guerrillas continued to hold most of the city, and Soviet and Afghan forces appeared to control only the airport and the government administrative area in the city. One western source said that the Russians had lost the vital 12-mile road linking the air-

port and the city.

There also has been heavy fighting in the surrounding region, and Soviet aircraft and ground forces have repeatedly attacked villages held by guerrillas or thought sympathetic to them.

More than 125 civilians were killed when five or six Soviet helicopter gunships attacked Pashmal, outside Kandahar, early this month, the sources said. Almost 150 Afghan soldiers had been killed in the fighting, but western sources have no reports on guerrilla or Soviet losses.

The guerrillas appeared to be doing well, and one western source said reports indicated that they had shot down seven helicopters.

Guerrilla officials based in Pakistan also report heavy fighting around Kandahar and say their forces have come under heavy air and artillery attack.

Western sources have also confirmed earlier guerrilla reports of heavy fighting in Takhar province in northern Afghanistan near the Soviet border.

Extra aid to Uganda means a boost for Leyland

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain's £10 million package of additional aid to Uganda appeared likely yesterday to lead to sales of considerable numbers of Leyland trucks to the former protectorate. Whitehall sources said that negotiations were already under way between the Ugandan authorities and Leyland International.

President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda, who is on an official visit to Britain, put trucks at the top of his shopping list when the Prime Minister promised him the additional aid.

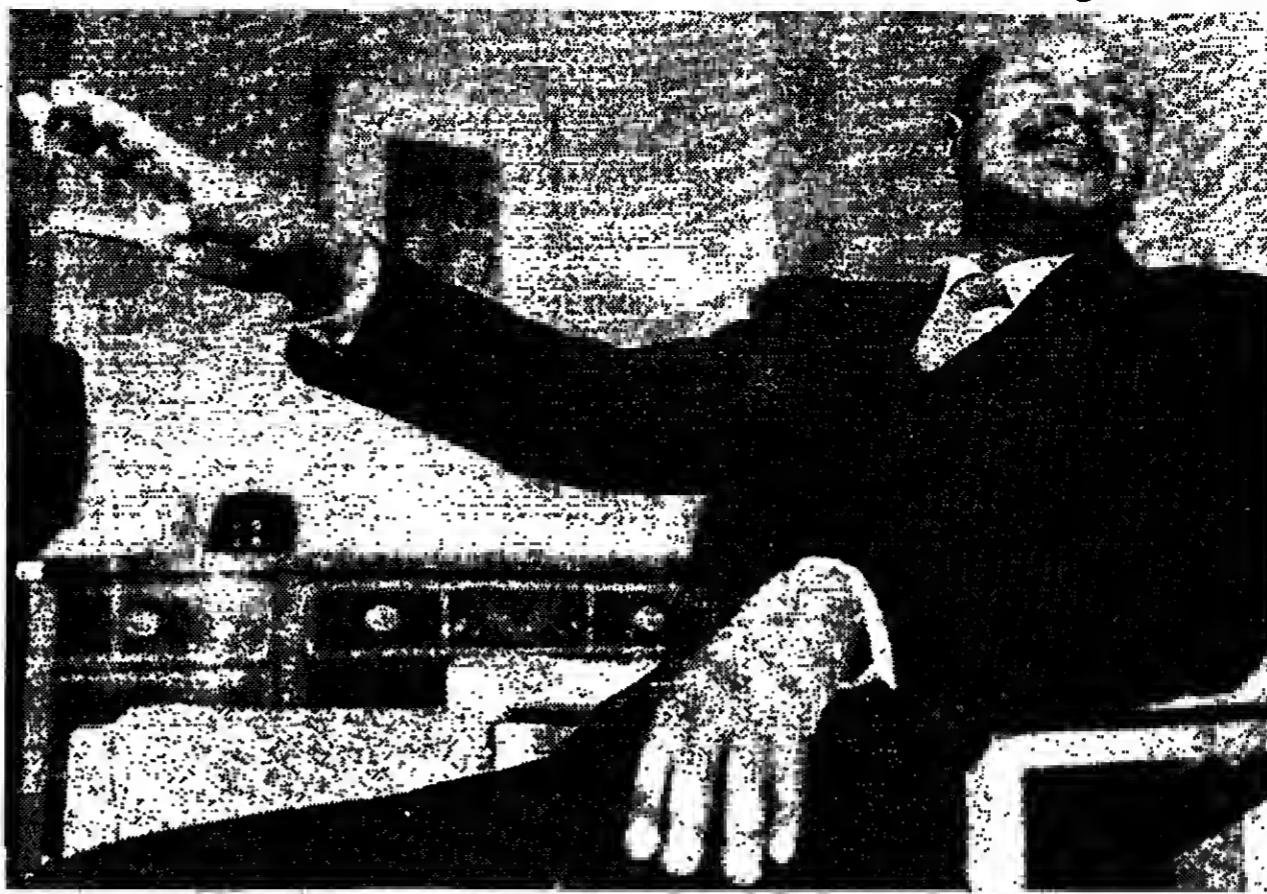
"He was absolutely delighted and immediately said how he would use the money", one source said. The deal is likely to have some indirect Government support, although officially it is a purely commercial transaction.

Arrangements for Britain to help in the repair and maintenance of large numbers of unserviceable British vehicles in Uganda have been under discussion during the visit.

The talks are to be carried forward by Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, who is to fly to Kampala next month.

Details were being completed yesterday on the supply of veterinary drugs worth £2 million as part of British aid.

The whole of the £10 million offered by Mrs Thatcher is new grant money and in addition to the £30 million previously promised, which includes £22 million for repairs to the Owen Falls hydro-



President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda speaking at a press conference in London yesterday. Photograph by Tim Bishop.

electric plant on Lake Victoria.

A sharp disagreement between Whitehall and Kampala on the terms under which British military instructors were sent to Uganda has been solved.

The Ugandans objected to a memorandum signed by ex-

President Milton Obote which exempted instructors from penalties under Ugandan law.

President Museveni yesterday described this as "an affront to our national sovereignty". The sticking point in talks to overcome Ugandan objections was their insistence that British soldiers should be

subject to the death penalty if they committed serious offences.

"To restore law and order they have had to discipline their own soldiers very harshly, and they were not going to make exceptions for our men", a Whitehall source said.

The compromise reached was that future instructors would be given diplomatic immunity and would be attached to the British High Commission in Kampala.

Future groups will be sent in much smaller numbers, the first leaving early in the New Year.

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Officials said that the President began discussions with the Finance Minister, Senhor Dilson Fumero, the Planning Minister, Senhor João Sayad, and other senior advisers to consider changes in the anti-inflation programme.

The anti-inflation drive, the Cruzado Plan, was introduced last February and cut significantly Brazil's inflation rate from more than 200 per cent.

Prices have risen only an accumulated 10.25 per cent from March to October. The plan gave Brazil a new currency, the cruzado, and officially froze prices which was a spectacular political success, credited with helping to bring about the Government's electoral victory.

Brazilian leaders meet on economy

Brasilia (Reuter) — President Sarney of Brazil met senior ministers yesterday to discuss adjustments to his anti-inflation programme and other changes following a landslide Government victory in national elections in Saturday's poll.

The ruling coalition won the governorships of all 23 states, the most stunning electoral win in Brazil's political history.

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All smiles as North Korean leader greets guest

Kim appears in public to bury reports of his assassination

From David Watts, Tokyo

Striding down a crimson carpet and beaming broadly at his visitor from Mongolia, President Kim Il Sung of North Korea looked very much alive at Pyongyang airport yesterday.

Wearing a cap and three-quarter overcoat in the autumn chill, he walked between two widely enthusiastic rows of his citizens waving flags of his country.

In spite of his appearance, news of his demise and replacement by the Defoece Minister, Marshal O Jio U, was still being broadcast over propaganda loudspeakers behind the demilitarized zone separating North and South Korea, according to the Defence Ministry in Seoul.

Neither the Defoece Minister nor the President's son, Mr Kim Jong Il, were at the airport ceremony.

The opposition New Korea Democratic Party was more

direct: the Cabinet should resign to take responsibility for spreading false information. It said that the Government had used the alleged broadcasts as an excuse to tighten security. The Government met for the second special Cabinet meeting in two days.

Editorial comment in South Korean newspapers was also critical. The Government should be more careful in its handling of information in the future, one said.

Though reports of President Kim's death were greatly exaggerated, questions still remain as to whether the events of the last two days signify conflicts within the leadership of the North Korean Communist Party and with the military.

It is significant that Marshal O Jio U has not been seen in public for some time, and recent reports to Hong Kong have said that he was involved in a car accident.

He is the most influential figure in Pyongyang after the two Kims, and the reports broadcast at the demilitarized zone that he was in control may indicate that he has fallen out of favour with the leadership or that there is some disagreement between the President and his son who is close to the Defence Minister.

● PEKING: President Kim "looked healthy and fit" when he greeted the Mongolian leader, according to witnesses. He was also "talking cootinally" to those around him (Robert Grieves writes).



President Kim, right, greeting the Mongolian leader, Mr Jambyn Batmönh, at Pyongyang. Below, the North Korean Defence Minister, Marshal O Jio U, who was reported to have taken control and is now involved in a power struggle.



Colombo 'agrees' Tamil homeland

From Kuldip Nayyar, Delhi

The Tamil Nadu Government told the state assembly in Madras yesterday that "some progress" had been made in finding a solution to Sri Lanka's ethnic problem.

The state government said that the talks between Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, and President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka during the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (Sarc) meeting in Bangalore centred on the devolution of power.

The Sri Lanka Government is said to have agreed to merge parts of the Eastern Province

with the Tamil-majority Northern Province to make it a single Tamil unit. But leaders of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, which controls the north, wants the merger of the entire Eastern Province with the Northern.

Papal tour to enhance link with Muslims

From Michael Hamlyn Dhaka

The Pope is due to arrive in Bangladesh early today in a flurry of white and yellow papal flags, a 21-gun salute from the newly civilian Government, and a renewed opportunity to press for closer relations between Catholics and Muslims.

Only a tiny proportion — 0.51 per cent — of Bangladesh is Christian, but even a tiny part of 100 million is a lot of people.

The country's 180,000 Roman Catholics have in the past been regarded as "foreigners", and as such have cultivated a ghetto mentality. But since the 1971 war of independence, when at least three priests were martyred by the Pakistanis, they have been able to develop closer relations with the overwhelming (85 per cent) Muslim majority.

In Khulna diocese in the south-west, for example, joint prayer meetings with Christians and Muslims are held regularly. A Muslim hereditary holy man helps to lead the worship. Both Islam and Hinduism are taught at the National Catholic Seminary in Dhaka.

The Pope's attitude to Muslims was expounded in Casablanca last year, when he declared: "Christians and Muslims, we have badly misunderstood each other, and sometimes we have opposed and even exhausted each other in polemics and in wars. I believe that today God invites us to change our old ways."

Nevertheless, Christians in Bangladesh have to be careful not to give offence.

According to Father Jyoti Gomes, head of the Christian Communication Centre in the old town of Dhaka, Christians are now allowed to preach and propagate their faith, but he added wryly: "I don't know what will happen when Bangladesh becomes an Islamic republic."

The Pope arrives in the middle of the week-long celebrations marking the Prophet Muhammad's birthday, and so has been steered delicately away from the densely populated city centre, where local Muslims will be holding prayer meetings and where a local daily, *Jangal* (Islamic Revolution) owned by the central Government's Minister for Religious Affairs, has already drawn public attention to the presence of 110 foreign missionaries in the country.

When the Pope celebrates Mass in this fourth Muslim country he has visited, it will not be in the national stadium in the city centre but in the Army stadium safely inside the military area.

The Church in Bangladesh had kept a low profile during the martial law regime just ended. It "did not say anything in public," said one Church leader, though it did set up a Justice and Peace Commission and, just recently, a national body on human rights.

The Pontiff will spend only 24 hours here before going on to Singapore, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and the Seychelles.

Jerusalem concern for Jews in Iran

From Ian Marry Jerusalem

There is mounting public concern in Israel over the fate of up to 30,000 Jews still living in Iran in the wake of reports from refugee sources in Vienna that they are suffering increasing persecution.

When Ayatollah Khomeini came to power in 1979 there were an estimated 80,000 Jews in Iran. Many appear to have left shortly afterwards, fearing that they would be victimized in the new Islamic republic. Of those who left some 15,000 came to Israel.

Over the past three years the numbers leaving Iran appear to have shrunk as new rules and regulations have made it more difficult and expensive to leave. Many of those remaining are understood to be old and frightened by the idea of leaving their homes, despite the persecution.

The Israeli Government, which keeps a close eye on communities in the diaspora, has been doing its best in public to urge Jews to leave, and in private has been seeking ways to bring them out.

Figures were unobtainable from official sources here yesterday, but some reports suggest that there has been a surge of up to 100 refugees a week leaving recently, all with tales of torture and hardship.

Most are understood to have gone on to the United States, and virtually all are keeping quiet about exactly how they managed to leave Iran.

Some appear to have bought their way to freedom; others have made a dangerous crossing by land into neighbouring countries.

It has been rumoured here that Israel agreed to act as the carrier for American arms delivered to Iran in order to obtain permission for Jews to leave the country.

There has been no comment on these rumours or on suggestions that another secret, wholesale evacuation of the Iranian Jewish community has been planned, similar to that which brought the Falashas out of Ethiopia last year.

One official said here yesterday: "Israel tries to do things to help. It is really a matter of life and death."

● BAHRAIN: Salvage tugs fought to put out a fire on the Liberia-registered tanker Crown Hope yesterday after it was attacked by an Iranian gunboat in the southern Gulf. All 26 members of the crew were taken off without injury (Reuters reports).

Regional shipping sources said that the 37,439-ton vessel was hit by a missile in the engine room early yesterday morning while en route from Karachi to Kuwait. The sources said four tugs had brought the blaze under control.

Rabin flies to soothe the Finns

From Olli Kivinen Helsinki

The Israeli Defoece Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, arrived here yesterday for a 24-hour visit to soothe relations between his country and Finland.

He met President Koivisto of Finland soon after his arrival, although the visit is theoretically private. He will also have discussions with his Finnish counterpart, Mr Veikko Piilajamäki.

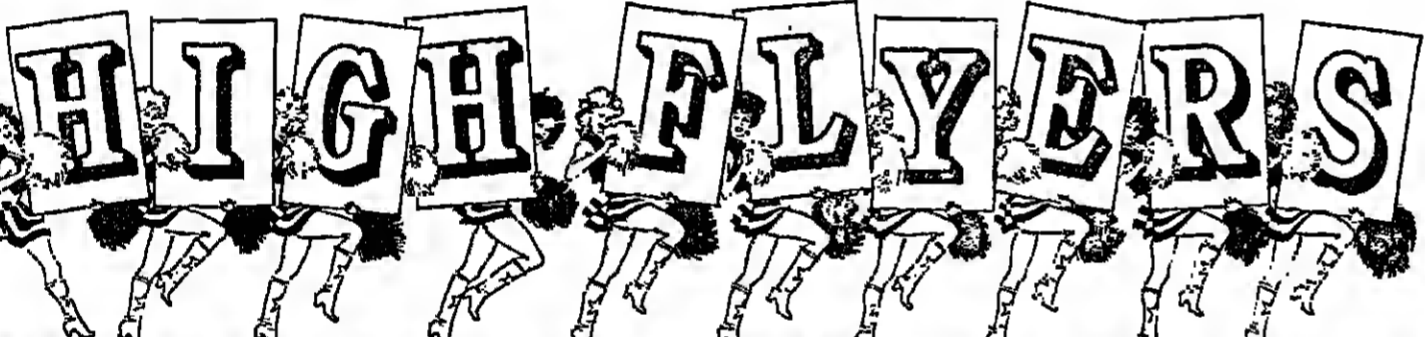
Yesterday's talks dealt with bilateral matters and the position of Unifil troops in south Lebanon. Mr Rabin repeated that Israel does not want to strengthen the role of Unifil near its northern border.

Last month Unifil's Finnish commander, Major General Gustav Hagglund, challenged Israel to allow Unifil to prove its capability in the Israeli security zone" in south Lebanon, but Israel refused. The security zone is held by the Israeli-controlled "South Lebanese Army".

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Jerusalem concern for Jews in Iran

1. The Red Indian dope trick.

Even in the days when America was known as the New World, it was a country with a reputation for its spirit of enterprise and the ability of its people to make a good deal. When the settlers started negotiating, the natives hardly knew what had hit them — and in the summer of 1626, probably the most spectacular real estate coup in history took place. Governor Peter Minuit of the Dutch West India Company had the job of buying Manhattan Island from the Indians. After some haggling with Chief Manhasset, the price was agreed at 24 dollars' worth of kettles, axes and cloth. Today, \$24 would not buy one square foot of office space in New York City and an office block in central Manhattan changes hands for around \$80 million. Even allowing for inflation, Minuit got himself a real bargain.

2. Not again, Josephine!

You would think that the Manhattan deal would remain a one-off for ever. After all, the Americans would surely never find anyone as naive as the Indian chief again. But less than two centuries later, they did — and this time the loser was Napoleon, Emperor of France and (in his early years, at least) a brilliant military tactician. In 1803, Napoleon had his mind on European affairs (in particular, an invasion of Britain), so he decided to dispense with France's American possessions. He sold the entire Mississippi valley, an area of 828,000 square miles extending from Canada down to the Gulf of Mexico and westwards to the Rockies, for just over 27 million dollars. Through this deal, known as the Louisiana purchase, President Thomas Jefferson doubled the size of the United States for only around 5 cents per acre. The judgement of the Emperor, on the other hand, never seemed to be quite the same again.



5. The man of steel — at a steal.

Publishers are notorious for turning down lucrative business deals. (For example, 'Jonathan Livingston Seagull' was rejected by eighteen, while twenty-two gave the thumbs-down to James Joyce's 'The Dubliners'.) However, in 1938, one publisher got it brilliantly right. On June 1st of that year, 'Action Comics' appeared, featuring a character by the name of Superman (and, by turns, Clark Kent). The character seemed to go down quite well, so the publisher offered to buy all rights to him from his creators, Joe Shuster and Jerry Siegel. They needed money badly — so they settled for the sum of \$130, or \$65 each. Today, of course, Superman is such big business that Marlon Brando was able to command \$3 million for his ten-minute role in the first Superman movie. If you had seen Shuster and Siegel when they realised what they had done, you would believe a man can cry.



6. Striking a bargain.

Just occasionally, however, the seller does come out of a clever business deal on top — as in this example of a man who sold an idea to a manufacturing company. The particular beauty of this deal lies in the fact that the idea was not one which he could put into practice himself. He simply approached a leading match company and offered to tell them how they could save thousands of pounds by means of one change to their manufacturing procedures. The change would cost absolutely nothing to carry out — but he would require a substantial percentage of the savings in return for the idea. Not surprisingly, the match company were more than a little suspicious, and turned him down. After all, if this idea was so obvious to an outsider, surely they could work it out for themselves.

many astonishing business deals (both good and bad) — but perhaps the greatest of them all occurred in 1955.

In that year, RCA Records paid Sam Phillips, the owner of a tiny Memphis recording company called Sun Records, the sum of \$35,000 for the exclusive contract he had with an unconventional young singer with a grossly exaggerated hip action. Phillips was happy with the deal at the time. After all, it seemed like a lot of money and in any case, the young man had only wandered into his studio one day to cut a record on spec as a present for his mother. But RCA knew what they were doing. In the years that followed, Elvis Presley went on to sell over a billion records — and is still selling today.

9. A horse in a Million.

In 1978, the American bicycle importer Sam Rubin bought a 3-year-old racehorse for \$25,000.

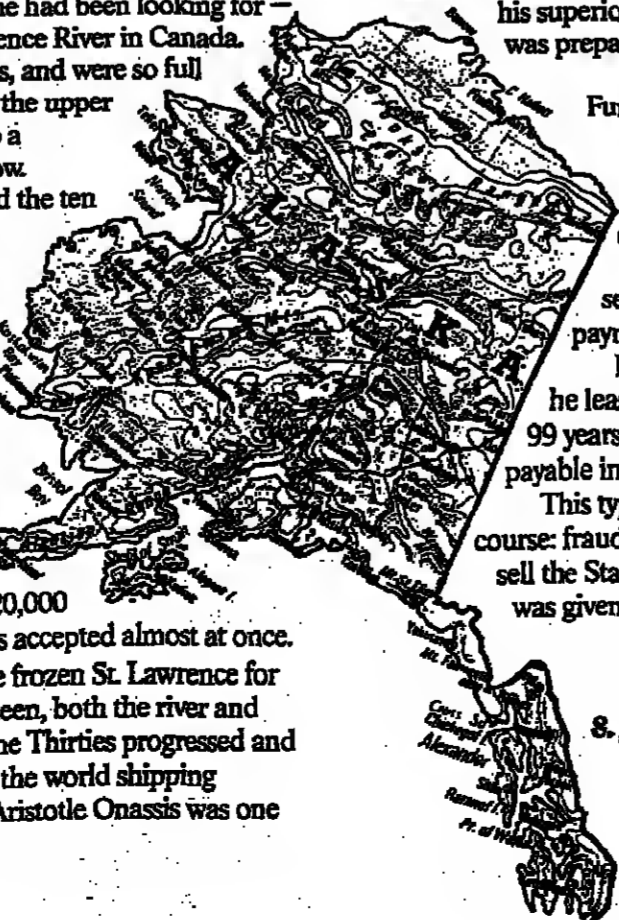
Arguably the ten greatest business deals of all time.

3. Nice ice at a reasonable price.

Napoleon did just manage to reach Moscow in his ill-fated invasion of 1812 — but it would seem that news of his poor American deal did not. For, astonishingly, the Russians went on to become the third victims of major land deals with America. On March 30th 1867, the U.S. Secretary of State, William Seward, bought Alaska from Tsar Alexander II for a mere \$7.2 million — thereby acquiring another 586,000 square miles of territory for less than 2 cents per acre. The Tsar presumably thought that this remote, frozen and virtually uninhabited piece of land had nothing at all to commend it — and at first, the American people agreed with him, for Alaska was known as 'Seward's folly' and 'Seward's ice box' for years. In 1896, however, gold was struck at Klondike in the Yukon, and since then, over 750 million dollars' worth has been mined. In 1968, black gold was discovered — and an estimated 100 billion tons of coal are also lying underground, just waiting to be dug up.

4. More frozen assets.

The frozen wastes of North America again proved to be a bargain basement in 1933. A young Greek entrepreneur, who had already made money importing tobacco into Argentina, had been trying to break into the shipping business for well over a year. At the time, there was a world slump in the trade. No one was making any money — but the young man realised that such a situation could not go on for ever and that if he could pick up some cheap second-hand vessels now, he would be perfectly placed to make a killing when things did change. Eventually he found just the ships he had been looking for — frozen solid into the ice-packed St. Lawrence River in Canada. They had been rusting there for two years, and were so full of ice and snow that when he walked on the upper deck of one of them, he disappeared into a snowdrift and ended up on the deck below. Not surprisingly, no one else wanted the ten vessels — least of all their owners, the Canadian National Steamship Company, who were prepared to let them go for their scrap value of \$30,000 each, even though they had cost a total of \$2 million to build ten years previously. Yet despite his scare in the snowdrift, the young Greek kept his wits about him and managed to determine that the ships were still structurally sound. He offered a paltry \$20,000 for each of six ships — and the Canadians accepted almost at once. His 'fleet' remained at anchor in the frozen St. Lawrence for several months — but just as he had foreseen, both the river and the world depression finally thawed. As the Thirties progressed and the likelihood of world war increased, so the world shipping business boomed... and in a few years, Aristotle Onassis was one of the richest men in the world.



They duly went through the whole factory with a fine tooth-comb — but found nothing. By this time, they were so intrigued by the man's offer that they went back to him and agreed that if he could save them money, he could have the cut he wanted.

"Just put one striking surface on each matchbox instead of two," he advised them. "You'll cut the money you spend on abrasives by 50%." They did — and they did. And over the next few years, the man who sold them the idea made a small fortune.

7. A monumental coup.

Arthur Furguson went a stage further, however. He made money by selling things which weren't even his in the first place. One morning in 1923, he spotted a rich American in Trafalgar Square and had a brainwave. Introducing himself as the official guide to the square, Furguson explained all about Nelson's Column, the lions and the fountains — and just happened to mention what a shame it was that Britain was having to sell them off to meet soaring debts. The American asked the price. "£6,000 to the right buyer," replied Furguson, adding that as guide, he had been entrusted with the job of making the sale. The American begged him to sell the square to him. At length, Furguson consented and went off to 'agree the deal with his superiors'. On his return, he announced that Britain was prepared to accept a cheque on the spot. The delighted tourist wrote one at once. Furguson gave him a receipt — and even the name and address of a firm who would dismantle the square ready for shipping — and promptly marched off to cash the cheque. Later that summer, Furguson went on to sell Big Ben for £1,000 and accepted a down payment of £2,000 on Buckingham Palace. In 1925, he went to Washington D.C., where he leased the White House to a cattle-rancher for 99 years at \$100,000 p.a. — with the first year payable in advance. This type of business deal has a special name, of course: fraud. Furguson was eventually caught trying to sell the Statue of Liberty for another \$100,000 and was given five years in prison.

8. All stitched up.

In the unstable and unpredictable world of popular music, there have been

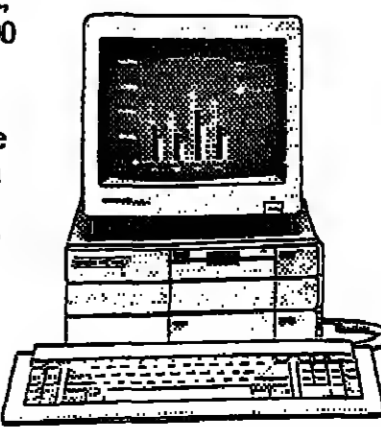


There didn't seem to be anything remarkable about John Henry at the time, and his previous owner was certainly satisfied with the amount, as he had bought the horse for only \$1,100 as a yearling.

In 1980, however, John Henry suddenly blossomed and won \$925,000 in prize money. Then in 1981, he won the inaugural Arlington Million and became America's Horse of the Year. By the time he picked up the title for a second time in 1984, he had won the Million again, the Santa Anita Handicap twice, the Jockey Gold Cup, the Ballantine's Scotch Classic and a staggering \$6,591,860 — almost twice as much as any other horse in world racing history. Sam Rubin can have only one regret about his horse, and that is that he has no stud value at all. Unfortunately for him, John Henry is a gelding.

10. PC Tips.

The example of John Henry proves that outstanding opportunities do still exist — and without doubt, the best deal in office computers at the moment is the Epson PC+. The PC+ is every bit as powerful as the industry standard computer, and just as flexible. It will run all of the huge amount of software designed for IBM PCs (plus, of course, Epson's own famous Tax system) and will fit happily into any existing IBM network. However, it can run the software over three times faster — and it takes an even greater range of printers and peripherals. Furthermore, it is only three-quarters the size, is considerably easier to use and is absolutely packed with extra features. In fact, it has more built in as standard than any other PC on the market. As you would expect of an Epson, the PC+ is also exceptionally reliable. Yet for all this, it costs an astonishing 25% less than the industry standard. To find out more about this extraordinary deal, either write to Epson (U.K.) Limited, Freepost, Birmingham B37 5BR; call up Prestel *280#; or dial 10 and ask for Freefone Epson. It may differ from the previous nine deals in that more than one party can benefit from it — but that doesn't mean you should waste any time in taking advantage.



EPSON

Tough questions in spy book case

Sir Robert admits he misled court

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Under intense cross-examination in the Peter Wright spy book case, the Secretary of the British Cabinet, Sir Robert Armstrong, admitted yesterday that an answer which he gave during preliminary proceedings had been misleading.

Sir Robert was given a torrid time in his first day in the witness box, in which he was testifying in support of the British Government's application for an injunction suppressing publication of Mr Wright's book.

At the same time, the answers given by Britain's top civil servant to questions on legal issues drew from Mr Justice Powell, of the New South Wales Supreme Court, a remark that he was troubled that the British Government had put up Sir Robert as its main witness when there were "matters on which (he) is quite incapable of assisting".

These questions, the Judge suggested, would be better answered by Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General.

Sir Robert spent all day in the witness box under cross-examination by Mr Malcolm Turnbull, counsel for Mr Wright and for the Heinemann publishing company in Australia.

The thrust of his questioning pointed to what he said

were inconsistencies in the British Government's decision to allow publication of books on the security service by Nigel West and Chapman Pincher, but to seek to block Mr Wright's memoirs as a counter-espionage officer.

In the process, Mr Turnbull put the following points to Sir Robert: ● That in an answer filed earlier this year he had calculatedly misled the court in suggesting that all secret material protected by the duty of confidentiality had been removed from the West book. A Matter of Trust, during negotiations between the Crown and the publishers. (Sir Robert replied that he had not intended to mislead, but acknowledged that he now believed it likely that the book did still contain such material.)

● That Mrs Thatcher and Mr Turnbull had allowed the Pincher book, Their Trade is Treachery, to be published in order that its central theme - the disclosure that a major investigation had been held into Soviet penetration of M15 - would be presented by a journalist of known conservative views, rather than by a left-winger. (Sir Robert replied: "That's a very ingenious conspiracy theory, and it's quite untrue.")

● That failure to question any of three suspected sources for the Pincher book, which would have been a "basic step for any police constable", was "a sorry commentary on your concern for protecting national security". (Sir Robert replied: "I wish it had been done.")

Mr Turnbull also referred to what he termed the British side's use of "weasel words", which he said were words without meaning, "like an egg which has had its content sucked out by a weasel". At one stage he asked: "Were you selected for this job for what you don't know?"

At the beginning of cross-examination, Sir Robert agreed that Mr Wright had asked the British Government to tell him what passages in his manuscript were detrimental to national security. It was also agreed that much of the manuscript was in the public domain.

There then followed this exchange: Mr Turnbull: "Why would publication be detrimental to national security?" Sir Robert: "Our argument is that it would be a breach of the duty of confidentiality (of M15 personnel)."

Mr Turnbull: "You would agree that not all the information in the book would, if published, damage national security?" Sir Robert: "I think so."

Sir Robert: "I would argue that publication by Mr Wright, even of material in the public domain, could cause damage."

Mr Turnbull: "All of it?" Sir Robert: "All of it could." At this point Mr Justice Powell said he was "straining" to follow.

Sir Robert: "The general proposition is that all information coming from an insider may be helpful to hostile intelligence or a terrorist organization."

Cross-examination then turned to the West book, A Matter of Trust, which Sir Robert agreed had contained structural information and organizational charts on M15 which he said could damage the organization.

Mr Turnbull asked whether it was not true that, despite omissions agreed by the publishers after an injunction, the book had still been published containing "extensive material which was obtained from members of the service in breach of their duty of confidentiality".

This question provoked an objection from Mr Theo Simos, QC, appearing for the British Government, who said that if a reply had to be given it should be in camera.

Mr Justice Powell ruled against the objection.

That there are matters on which Sir Robert is quite incapable of assisting (the court).

Mr Theo Simos, QC, interjected: "There's no basis for that view."

Mr Justice Powell: "I'm not sure. There are clearly things which Sir Robert has no personal knowledge of, yet he has been put up to answer questions."

The Judge went on to say that he thought Sir Robert may have signed answers written by others. In such cases when an answer was queried by the person who had to sign it, there was a tendency to say: "Shut up you fool and sign."

When Mr Turnbull resumed cross-examination on Interrogatory 150, Sir Robert said: "It's above my signature, I accept responsibility for it."

Mr Turnbull: "Who wrote it?" Sir Robert: "I don't know who wrote it."

At a later point, Mr Turnbull asked why it was that when an investigation had narrowed Mr Pincher's source to one of three possible people, not one of them had been approached.

Sir Robert said: "I don't think it occurred to me."

Mr Turnbull: "It is a sorry commentary on your concern for protecting national security, is it not?" Sir Robert: "I wish it had been done."

Entertaining a Queen to tea



Queen Sofia of Spain, left, taking tea with Mrs Nancy Reagan in the White House while on a visit to Washington for the world premiere of Gian Carlo Menotti's opera Goya.

Rivals blind voters with bland rhetoric

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

With less than a week to go before the Austrians go to the polls, the leader of the opposition conservative People's Party, Dr Alois Mock, has called for an ambitious privatization programme.

He has demanded a "new beginning with new ownership" for the country's heavily subsidized state industries, but has refused to discuss any details.

The lack of bite to his campaign is typified by his predilection for bland generalizations, and the call for privatization was dressed in the neo-committal rhetoric which is the hallmark of consensus politics in Austria and which has indelibly stamped the election campaign.

Neither the voters nor the Austrian press is credited with the initiative to demand more detailed information, which is just as well as it seems unlikely that it would be forthcoming.

Expressive of this paternal approach have been the advertising campaigns, which rely on saturating the country with posters of the antagonists. As polling day nears, the portraits become sharper and the slogans more banal.

The most striking, perhaps, is a poster of the Socialist Chancellor, Dr Franz Vranitzky, which reads subtly: "If you want Vranitzky, vote Vranitzky." With 90 seats, he hopes to increase support and win an overall majority over the People's Party.

By terminating his coalition with the small right-wing Freedom Party after the latter

Vanunu rejected as 'spy'

Tel Aviv (AP) - Mordchai Vanunu, the technician accused of revealing nuclear secrets to The Sunday Times, once had a job application rejected by the top-secret Shin Bet security service on psychological grounds, the Haaretz newspaper reported yesterday.

Mr Vanunu's evaluation by the agency as unstable was ignored when he applied for a job at the Dimona nuclear reactor in the Negev.

Sweet music

Melbourne (AFP) - Elton John, on tour with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra has become the orchestra's first honorary life member.

Best friends

Keedysville, Maryland (AP) - Sean Ryan Keyton, aged 2, found suffering from exposure more than a mile from home in near-freezing weather, was saved by four family dogs huddling close to keep him warm, police said.

Death delayed

Starke, Florida (Reuter) - Theodore Bundy, a sex killer aged 29, was granted a stay of execution by the Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta hours before he was due to die in the electric chair for killing a 12-year-old girl.

Bulgaria drier

Vienna (Reuter) - Bulgaria is to turn saloons and taverns into coffee shops and snack-bars in a national drive against alcohol, the Communist Party daily, Rabotnicheska Dela, announced.

Judge queries Cabinet Secretary's role

From Our Correspondent Sydney

The sharpest of yesterday's exchanges came during the afternoon session in the small but crowded courtroom when Mr Turnbull was cross-examining Sir Robert about Interrogatory 150 - one of a series of written questions submitted in advance and to which the Cabinet Secretary had given a sworn, written answer.

The question was: Was consideration given by the plaintiff (Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General) to restraining publication of Chapman Pincher's book (Their Trade is Treachery)?

The answer was: The plaintiff was advised that it had no basis to restrain the publication of the book.

Mr Turnbull put it to Sir Robert that "this was false, and false to your knowledge". Sir Robert replied: "I don't accept that."

Why, Mr Turnbull asked, had the Government restrained the West book at first, but not the Pincher book?

Because, Sir Robert replied, it had known at least one of Mr West's sources, an M15 officer in breach of duty of confidentiality, but had not immediately known Mr Pincher's.

Had the Government not known that in late 1980 Mr



Pincher had come to Tasmania to see Mr Wright, Mr Turnbull asked.

No, Sir Robert replied. Mr Turnbull appeared incredulous. He said that the Pincher book had revealed for the first time that an extensive investigation had been made into Soviet penetration of M15. "The book was a bombshell was it not?"

Sir Robert: "Yes." Mr Turnbull: "Can you imagine anything more damaging?"

Sir Robert: "Few things." Mr Turnbull: "Did the Prime Minister express any view to the Attorney-General about publication?"

Sir Robert: "I think she

Mr Justice Powell: Sir Robert (Armstrong, left) has been put up - I don't mean that offensively - as politically the person to answer questions on behalf of the Attorney General. I have been puzzled why the Attorney General did not answer them himself. There are clearly things which Sir Robert has no personal knowledge of, yet he has been put up to answer questions.

accepted the Attorney-General's decision."

At this stage Mr Justice Powell interjected that he found it difficult to understand why there had been action to restrain the West book but not the Pincher book.

Mr Turnbull went on to refer to what he termed Mr Pincher's "known right-wing views", adding: "I put it to you that you and the Prime Minister and the security service allowed Pincher to write his book for the issue to come out from a right-wing journalist, rather than an openly journalist of the left."

Sir Robert: "It's a very ingenious conspiracy theory, and it's quite untrue."

Retraining to this theme later, Mr Turnbull said: "You did everything in your power to assist (the book's) passage to the news stands."

Sir Robert: "That's untrue and false."

It was during lengthy questioning on the Attorney-General's decision not to take action on the Pincher book that Mr Justice Powell said: "Sir Robert has been put up - I don't mean that offensively - as politically the person to answer questions on behalf of the Attorney-General. I have been puzzled why the Attorney-General did not answer them himself."

The Judge added: "One of the things that troubles me is

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SPECTRUM

Galvanizing youth to rob Roy

Tom Kidd

On the last Sunday of every month Roy Jenkins sits down in his "poker, wee flat" in Glasgow with three people young enough to be his grandchildren. The atmosphere is friendly and informal, but the three people are not his grandchildren and the 66-year-old MP does not spend his time reminiscing about his days as Home Secretary or Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The three are Charlotte Beattie, aged 18, welfare officer on Glasgow University's Student Representative Council; Claire Barclay, aged 20, its vice-president; and Stephen Gallagher, 19, chairman of the university's Social Democratic Association. There is only one topic of conversation: how Jenkins is going to appeal to 18 to 24-year-old voters in his Glasgow Hillhead constituency.

There are 7,300 such voters in Hillhead, a constituency with an electorate of 57,016. In percentage terms this is below the national average, but their number is greater than the gap between the third and first-placed candidates at the 1983 general election, when the Conservatives polled 9,678, Labour 13,692 and the Alliance 14,856.

Hence if Brian Cooklin, the current Conservative candidate, can win the youth vote he stands a chance of winning the seat, while the Labour candidate, George Galloway, needs to poll only some of them in order to threaten

Young people in Glasgow Hillhead could settle the fate of Roy Jenkins at the next election. Toby Young and Roland Rudd went to see how the parties are wooing a segment of this huge new national force

Jenkins. Clearly, then, in Hillhead the youth vote is crucial to the fortunes of the former SDP leader.

In other ways, of course, Hillhead is a far from typical constituency. The distribution of votes between the candidates does not reflect the national average — it is one of only seven constituencies held by the SDP. Moreover, it is a four-horse, rather than a three-horse, race, with the Scottish National Party in the field (though it has yet to choose a candidate). Hillhead also contains three times the national average of voters over 80 years old.

However, Hillhead does incorporate a high proportion of students. It houses the great gothic buildings of Glasgow University, known locally as Gormenghast or Gilmorehill. Of its 10,000 or so students, some 3,500 are on Hillhead's electoral register. Students constitute about half of the 18 to 24-year-olds in the constituency, which explains the monthly meetings in Jenkins's flat.

Jenkins, the sitting MP, is not the only candidate to take Hillhead's young voters seriously. The constituency appears on the

National Organisation of Labour Students' "hit list" of 32 seats in which the number of students is greater than the gap between the incumbent MP and the Labour candidate at the last election. It is also the seventh most winnable seat for Labour, in addition to the ones it holds already.

The 32-year-old Galloway spends a lot of time at the left-dominated Queen Margaret Union, particularly in the "Biko Bar". He also tours Glasgow's pubs talking to unemployed school leavers to the constituency, something Jenkins prefers to do during his habitual "walkabouts".

The Conservative candidate, Brian Cooklin, is the same age as Galloway. But, unlike the other two, he is a local man. He lives in the constituency and teaches at the local Stonelaw High School. He claims that, through his teaching, he has been alerted to many of the problems facing young people in Glasgow. Drugs is one of them and he has proposed anti-drugs motions at the national party conference. In addition, he too has

been building up his links with the university. He has approached Peter Conkey, until recently the head of the University Conservative Club, and arranged to attend various debates. However, given his profession, he has much more to do with the university teaching staff than with their students.

Despite Cooklin's efforts the overwhelming consensus is that, when it comes to Hillhead's 18 to 24-year-old voters, it is a two-horse race. Of the 3,800 18 to 24-year-olds who are not at the university, most are either blue-collar Labour voters or unemployed, and among the undergraduates the Tories have been unpopular since cutting the student grant. What supporters Cooklin did have in the university have been alienated by Norman Tebbit's disbandment of the Federation of Conservative Students.

The race for the youth vote in Hillhead, then, is between Jenkins and Galloway. It comes down to this: will these young Glaswegians opt for the respectable elder statesman or the ambitious — and as yet untried — younger man? "Glasgow cannot afford to be a retirement home for grand old politicians," Galloway told a student newspaper recently. Unfortunately for him, the persistent figure of Jenkins can still be seen tramping up and down Glasgow's hilly streets. The former SDP leader bears all the hallmarks of a man who regards himself as being a long way yet from retirement.



University challenge: Jenkins aide Charlotte Beattie, 18, aims to get the campus behind the Alliance

TOWN

Jobs are a major issue with Hillhead's non-student young — bad news for both Tories and Alliance

Steven Carroll left school at 16 with no qualifications to speak of. "I worked for Trash Can (a refuse collection service in Hillhead) for three weeks but I got laid off. They said I wasn't working hard enough." Now, at 17, after six months on a Youth Training Scheme course, Carroll has been unemployed for two months.

"I don't want to go on YTS again. Not now it's two-year. I just don't see the point. The money's the same as the dole." Steven, like most of his friends, will be voting Labour. He doesn't know who the candidate is, just that he doesn't know who his MP is. "I hear Labour is the best. I've heard that they'll be getting the jobs in."

The main sources of employment in Hillhead are the Allison Motor Company, the Narrow shipyard, and education. The first two take on barely any school-leavers, and the last requires qualifications people like Steven simply don't have. However, compared to the rest of Glas-



Grim harvest: unemployed Steven Carroll, 17, "has heard Labour will be getting the jobs in"




GOVERN

Student politics in Glasgow, Samantha Fox aside, is serious business. Who will win on the campus?

In March George Galloway was asked by Liam Ewing, the President of Glasgow University Labour Club, to ask Winnie Mandela if she would be Labour's candidate at the university's Rectorial elections. Though they initially responded by putting up actress Joanna Lumley, the university's Social Democrat Association has now decided to support Mandela. Only the Conservative Club will oppose her. Their candidate is Samantha Fox.

The Rectorial elections, like all student politics, have their whacky side. But when it comes to the constituency elections, the students take themselves more seriously. "I met Roy Jenkins once in the House of Commons," says Finlay Smith, a fifth year student. "He agreed to see me the next weekend but never showed up." Paul McCombs, a chemistry student, says he will be voting Labour because Galloway is everything a good Scottish MP should be. "Unlike the great Roy Jenkins,

CANDIDATES

	Roy Jenkins, SDP/Liberal Alliance. Aged 66, former Labour minister. Founder member of SDP. MP for Hillhead since 1982.
	George Galloway, Labour. Aged 32, general secretary of War on Want for the past three years.
	Brian Cooklin, Conservative. Aged 32, only candidate living permanently in Hillhead. Teacher at local school.

Aids: a world with no hiding place

In New York, one person in 250 is a carrier. In Germany, the number of cases doubles every eight months. How is the world fighting what may become the worst epidemic in history?

Aids is threatening millions of lives in more than a hundred countries. But while international experts call for emergency action on an unprecedented scale, many nations seem unwilling — or unable — to face up to what may already be the greatest threat to health in history.

The disease is now killing hundreds of men, women and children every day. In the US alone, where 15,000 have already died, the toll is expected to reach almost 180,000 by 1991. The prospect for Africa is even more grim. At least a million Aids deaths are predicted for the continent in the next few years. The disease is spreading rapidly in South America, Europe, the Far East and Australia.



How the toll is mounting: shaded areas show how Aids has spread across the world, taking the virus on to every continent spreading at a rate of 15 new cases a week. Doctors expect 3,000 to 5,000 new cases in the next two years and 8,000 to 15,000 cases within four.

Estimates of the number of carriers vary between 20,000 and 200,000. While 85 per cent of Aids victims are men, the proportion of women is growing rapidly.

UNITED KINGDOM
Population 58.4 million

Britain has had 548 Aids cases, including 278 deaths. At least 4,500 others are known carriers, but the estimated total of infected people is 40,000. So far the government has spent more than £10 million on health resources, blood screening, research and publicity. Several millions more have been spent by regional health authorities. New measures will involve spending at least £10 million "and probably much more". Government sources say, in the next 12 months.

SOUTH AFRICA
Population 32 million

So far 43 cases have been recorded, including nine people from other African countries and there have been 29 deaths. All the South African cases are white males, most of them homosexuals. Blood donors have been screened since January and high-risk groups are encouraged to take blood tests.

AUSTRALIA
Population 15.8 million

Aids education and research funding has been increased this year from A\$9.2 million (£4.1 million) to A\$11 million (£5 million). There have been 310 cases, including 126 deaths, with 1,000 cases predicted by 1988 and 5,000 by 1991.

JAPAN
Population 120 million

Medical research on Aids has a budget of 900 million yen (£3.9 million). Japan has 21 recorded cases, including 13 deaths. All cases have been either haemophiliacs (11) or homosexuals.

BRAZIL
Population 125 million

Worst-hit nation in South America with 841 known cases and 420 deaths, with

Tanzania and Uganda have launched public health campaigns, including blood screening. Others, such as Burundi, Congo, Rwanda, Zaire and Zambia are slowly following suit, prompted by the World Health Organization.

The government has resisted pressure to defuse Aids as an epidemic, despite 345 known cases and predictions of up to 10,000 in the next five years. Plans for a low-key publicity campaign on sexual habits and for the setting up of a research "task force" are being considered.

Few of the more than 20 countries affected gather or release figures either of casualties or project funding. All are chronically short of resources to fight the epidemic. Kenya,

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Fathers seem to be regarded by the abortion laws as breeding bulls that have no legal connection with their offspring

Like many women who have always wanted children but can't have them, I take a morbid interest in family issues. It is the curiosity of the parent manque.

Robert, this idea did not appeal to Vivian. She ended the pregnancy. This ought to have been the end of the matter. Norwegian law, like British law, gives a father no rights in the disposition of his unborn child.

feel that the baby is half mine," he said. "All I am asking her to do is to have it painlessly delivered and then hand it over to me to be brought up in the bosom of a huge, loving family."



And this foetus - this unborn child - has a father. Glynia Donovan of the Women's Reproductive Rights Information Service is unhappy about the attempts of fathers like Robert Herz to prevent their wives or girlfriends having an abortion.

making abortion subject to the decisions of two people," she says. "It takes away the woman's right over her own body again."

than breeding bulls that have no legal connection with their offspring - except when it comes to support. Interestingly, the support question isn't one to which women's rights groups give much heed, but I fear it is one we shall all have to face if we want to see real equality.

solution when faced with two women each claiming to be the mother of the same child. Solomon, you may recall, offered to cut the child in half and give each woman her share.

Barbara Amiel

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High society and the hotel room

Sydney Biddle Barrows will be known for the rest of her life as the Mayflower Madam. Her autobiography, published this week, tells of a blue blood, descended directly from one of the pioneering families who sailed to America on the Mayflower.

The girls were all hand-picked; the madam was blue-blooded; the case created a scandal. Josephine Fairley investigates

talks to you for two or three hours? You go to bed with him and walk away with \$1,000 in your handbag. Heavens, there are girls all over the world who do it for a hamburger and an evening at the movies...



Call me madam: but Sydney Biddle Barrows refused to name the names of those who did

up to get married and who are now terrified of losing their meal tickets. Yet they're precisely the ones whose husbands were calling me. But I can't imagine why they feel threatened; women have this bizarre fantasy that sex is so important to men they'd leave someone they love for it."

there in garbage bags, and there must be some very well-dressed cops' wives walking around in New York.

show and is discussing her own line of ready-to-wear clothes. "But what I'd love to do, most of all, is to run a finishing school for corporations, grooming executives. First impressions are so important yet plenty of people in this country don't even know how to shake hands properly," she explains.

BRIEFLY

Computer crisis line

As computers play an increasingly important part in even the smallest of offices, more and more women are being asked to take on the responsibility of mastering complex systems.

Davis learnt from her own experience that a single phone call can save hours of trial, error and poring over impenetrable, jargonized manuals. With that in mind, she has created a hotline service for just such instant help.

Teenyfax The personal ring-binder system of pages for notes, addresses, maps and trivia to which many otherwise sensible adults have become enslaved, is now set to organize the lives of their children.

Pain partners Dealing with psoriasis is a painful problem that Dennis Potter's Singing Detective shares with millions. The skin complaint, from which Potter himself suffers, can

strike at any age, often with debilitating results. But both psoriasis and eczema - which between them affect 4 per cent of the world's population - can be greatly relieved by self-help measures.

Parent power "Dear Miss Manners, Would you discuss the etiquette of kissing, parents doing so upon the forehead, cheeks, etc?"

Quote me... "Although there is less of the 'Me Tarzan, You Jane' about the Klans, we are being ruled by couples and it's really revolting" - Germaine Greer.



J. F.

Once upon a floppy disc

I am Jack Woolley, owner of Grey Gables country club, and I have just been through a series of agonizing decisions about my dog, Captain.



able to get to a definition of it is "interactive soap". I push another button, more or less at random, and find my Peggy Archer sub-plot rudely interrupted by a stern memo from the Controller of Radio Four (code name CR4) saying: "You are not making my life easy. The British Veterinary Association is demanding an apology. Pull your socks up."

Here the script-writers appear to be going even further off the rails: every choice is more disastrous than the last, and an innocent sequence of hutton-pushing has involved me in a plot with complaints from NUPE about voluntary workers in hospitals, and another stern memo from CR4.

A child's last resort?

From Wendy Tuman, Co-Director, Kidscape, London W1. Barbara Amiel's article "Teaching Children to Complain" (Wednesday Page, November 5) raised a multitude of issues arising from three programmes recently broadcast by the BBC.

TALKBACK

keep "bad" secrets. The people children most often tell are their parents, although in some cases teachers or other trusted adults are also confided in.

article "Teaching Children to Complain" (Wednesday Page, November 5). The proposal to provide a facility for children, with separate rooms linked by video to the courtroom, merits debate; there are doubtless arguments to be weighed up against the obvious benefit for the child who is spared the trauma of facing an assailant.

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Advertisement for Libby Purves, featuring an image of a woman and text: 'Libby Purves. From Mrs Anne Shells, Wellow, nr Bath. Barbara Amiel's article makes no positive statements at all. What would she do about child abuse?

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The choice facing Europe over jobs

Whether facing terrorists, negotiating with the Americans or discussing its own internal affairs, the EEC has a shaky record on achieving concerted action. Even the most savage external threats seem to highlight divisions rather than unity within the Community, short-term national interest always seems to triumph over the common good.

But the long-term challenge to the Community's way of life may stem more from industrial decline than from the bomb and the bullet. High unemployment throughout the Community and a constant failure by all member states (with the possible exception of West Germany) to keep pace with the US and Japan in information technology, suggest that so long as the 12 do not hang together they shall, industrially, be hanged apart.

The way forward (if there is any) has to lie in co-operation across the borders of EEC members so that the Community's workforce can build up its skills and expertise, particularly in IT, as swiftly as possible.

The action begins next week. The People and Technology conference and exhibition, to be held on November 25-27 at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, is the first attempt to bring together leading EEC decision-makers and industrialists to tackle the question of how the 12 can share knowledge and learn from each other's experience.

Sponsored jointly by the Manpower Services Commission and the Commission of the European Communities, it is widely considered a significant contribution by Britain

during its EEC presidency to the process of thinking *Communitaire* in the drive to upgrade technical and teaching skills to meet the needs of the information technology era.

In political terms, the event will be star-studded. Lord Young from the Department of Employment and Kenneth Baker from the Department of Education and Science will be giving the main speeches on each of the two big conference days and it is likely that the opportunity will be used — at least by the Department of Education and Science — to make some major policy statements.

From the European Commission there will be high-level delegates representing the 12 member states. Manuel Martin — the Commission vice-president responsible for employment, social affairs, training and education — is expected to speak on the EEC's future policy on training and the new technologies.

Finally, there will be a constant background of lobbying for money the EEC is making available for development work in this area, not least the well-upholstered COMETT programme to encourage links between higher education and industry in new technology.

This is not the first time the impact of the Community has been felt on the training scene within Britain. Much of the funding for the Youth Training Scheme, for example, comes from EEC coffers and there are several small-scale local projects which would never have got off the ground without the financial backing of the Social Fund's innovation programme.

What is distinctive about People and Technology is that



Flying the flag: top, Peter Lucas, director of an Open Tech project and, from left, Lord Young, Employment Secretary, Kenneth Baker, Education Secretary and Manuel Martin, European Commission vice-president responsible for employment, social affairs, training and education

The People and Technology Conference will be held at the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre, Westminster, November 25-27

it aims to bring together from across Europe, top politicians, leading trainers and technological innovators so they can learn from each other, and to foster long-term co-operation.

In other words, and unlike some other EEC projects, simply throwing European Currency Units (ECUs) at the problem is not enough. The exchange of information and expertise is what really matters.

The exhibition also provides a great opportunity for leading British producers of training materials and courses to put their goods before a European audience.

Leading players such as the Centre for Advanced Manufacturing Technology in Sheffield, Interactive Information Systems and Macmillan Intek will be demonstrating their products alongside some of the more enterprising trainers

from France, West Germany, Ireland and Italy.

Bringing together the best of the 12 to share and compare is at the heart of People and Technology. But perhaps the most practical symbol of this endeavour is the official EEC Euro TecneT network of demonstration projects which will be taking centre stage for much of the conference.

Euro TecneT is part of the EEC's Action Programme on IT and training, and its particular virtue is that it brings together Europe's real grass-roots pioneers of new techniques and methodologies.

Nothing could be further from the remote bureaucrats of Brussels, for example, than the Information Technology Centres (ITeC) Consultancy Unit, which is based in dingy premises in a west London back street.

But the work being done by

ITCU is genuinely innovative and, as a member of Euro TecneT, it now has the opportunity to meet and talk about other trail-blazing projects in West Germany, France, Italy and elsewhere so that the benefits of its work can be pooled and passed on.

There are more than 70 demonstration projects within the Euro TecneT and several will be represented, both during the conferences and in the exhibition.

The projects deal with problems that are familiar to a British audience even though the educational or social context might be different.

For example, a scheme based at St Etienne du Rouvroy in France is designed to equip young people of modest educational attainments with enough data-processing skills to get them an office job in finance or accountancy.

If Euro TecneT can start pumping out such information across the Community, it will be playing a valuable role.

A great worry for traditional engineering outfits — especially those of small to medium size — is how to retain their workers in the new IT-linked techniques. At the Bildungswerk der Berliner Wirtschaft in Berlin they think they have gone some way towards solving this problem.

At a time when there is more gloom than hope about the chances of industrial regeneration and the reduction of the unemployment figures, it is some small consolation perhaps that the problem is at root a European rather than a purely British phenomenon.

At the People and Technology conference there may be a chance to show that the Old World is not beaten yet.

Britain shows the way in open learning

One of the few areas of technical training in which the UK can claim an indisputable world lead is in developments in "open" or "distance" learning.

Carrying the flag in the Euro TecneT for our achievements in this field, on November 25 and 26, will be the Open Tech project in computer-aided engineering based at Warley College of Technology in the West Midlands.

Peter Lucas, the project director, said: "We are looking forward to the conference but, to be honest, I think that our colleagues in Europe will be learning more from us than we shall from them."

What beckons Mr Lucas to the conference, however, is the chance to start selling Warley's open-learning materials to an EEC audience.

The course provides 300 hours of training, including 175 hours of "hands-on" use of industrial software and hardware. And there is a possibility that this could become a big seller to western European engineering companies.

Mr Lucas said: "Our course is aimed at technicians and managers who have had some industrial experience but who know little about new technology. We've currently got learners from big organisations such as GEC Avionics and English Electric Valves right down to small companies employing just 10 people."

The interesting feature of the Warley CAE course is that when learners sign on, they get handed not just books but also a low-cost, computer-graphics work-station called Hektor, devised by Mr Lucas and his colleagues.

Hektor, which can be linked to the central Warley computer by telephone line, underlines the way that high technology itself is now being used to deliver training in high-technology skills.

Through the Hektor work-station, learners are able to follow the 11 modules within the project (in subjects such as computer-aided, two-dimensional draughting and design, three-dimensional solid mod-

elling, flexible manufacturing systems, and computer numerically controlled machinery), then take assessments, which can be monitored by the project's staff.

So though learners are able to study in their own time, and at their own pace and place, it still means that checks and tutorials can be made to help them individually.

Warley has set up 20 centres around the country, through which its learners can have access to the CNC machines that make up the real-life engineering hardware of the high-tech era. Though the computer work is the exact replica of what the learners would use in a "real work" situation, it is obviously essentially vital that they should be able to see the results of their programming achieved in

Special training at a remarkably low price

practice on authentic CNC machine tools.

By making the machine tools available on this "pool" basis, Warley is able to deliver training in these sophisticated and capital-intensive skills at a remarkably low price; the cheapest module is £60, the most expensive £180.

Of course, costs need to be at this kind of level if the medium-size engineering companies, which desperately need to update their skills, are going to be able to afford the fees.

All the signs are that the numbers enrolled on the Warley course will grow and grow. Recruitment so far has been by word of mouth, magazine articles, visits and the occasional advertisement. But the People and Technology exhibition, at which Warley has a stand, will be the first opportunity for Mr Lucas to present his materials to an EEC-wide audience.

Once trainers on the Continent can be persuaded to get over their initial unfamiliarity with distance-learning, its many virtues should receive a warm welcome.



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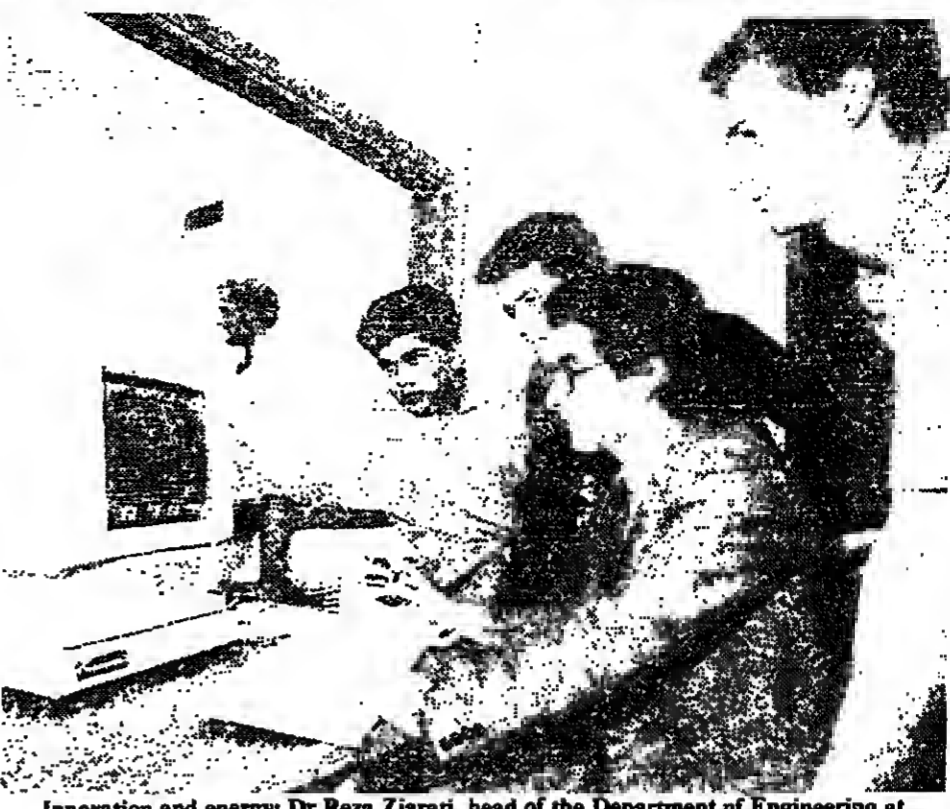
A guru's charter for success

Whatever the shortcomings of Britain's industrial performance there is never a lack of bright people coming up with innovative ideas.

Dr Ziarati is now a part of what could be called the Educational Establishment, but he believes that the educational system has a lot to answer for.

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Innovation and energy: Dr Reza Ziarati, head of the Department of Engineering at Southampton Institute of Higher Education

"If we are going to get the benefits of the information age, then we need to improve our communications," says Oleh Liber.

Taking the creative leap ahead to meet demand



Bright sparks: a trainee electronics under the Youth Training Scheme, which is largely funded by the EEC

centralized unit, which not only adds expense but can impose restrictions on what is being communicated.

Too many trade exhibitions have the tired look of having seen it all before. The People and Technology Exhibition will be different.

Rare opportunity to lobby audience

companies in the UK, the move to Europe is the next logical step.

Richard Needham who wrote the original Easylearn software, said: "We've devised our own dedicated machine. We can then supply the software adapted to the particular needs of the customer."

want to make the contacts with governmental and other organizations to explore what room there is for co-operation.

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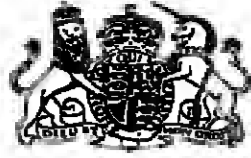
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 18: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh...

The President of the Republic of Uganda visited The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the English Speaking Union...

Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Chief Commandant, Women's Royal Naval Service...

The Queen was represented by the Lord Zuckerman at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Crowsaw...

KENSINGTON PALACE November 18: Princess Alice...

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.T.G. Galbraith and Miss Q.R. Braithwaite. The engagement is announced between Norman...

Mr S.J. Cook and Miss C.M.A. Hottas. The engagement is announced between Stephen John...

Mr M. Craven and Miss S.N. Magasiner. The engagement is announced between Andrew...

Mr E. Hamblett and Miss S.P. Bonaver. The engagement is announced between Rex...

Mr A. Harris and Miss A. Butterworth. The engagement is announced between Andrew...

Mr C.T. Rolls and Miss F.R. Staughton. The engagement is announced between Charles...

Mr P.B. Sawden and Miss E.M. Allcock. The engagement is announced between Paul...

Mr H.M. Lopes and Miss S.A.P. Baker. The marriage took place on Friday...

Mr V.A. Morrison and Miss P. Chittick. The marriage took place at Christchurch...



Mr Jeramy Thorpe with Dame Peggy Ashcroft (centre) and Mrs Thorpe outside Westminster Abbey yesterday (Photograph: Leslie Lee).

Service for Henry Moore

The Queen was represented by Lord Zuckerman, OM, at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Henry Moore...

Also present were: Mr J.P. ... Mr R.B. ... Mr A.M. ... Mr S.L. ...

Members of the Domesday Corps ... Lord Zuckerman, OM ... Lord de Vaux ...

Mr J.P. ... Mr R.B. ... Mr A.M. ... Mr S.L. ... Mr G.S. ...

OBITUARY

M GEORGES BESSE Ace technocrat from working-class Auvergne

M Georges Besse, killed on November 17 at the age of 58, was one of those outstanding political technocrats who have helped to make France...

After working first as an apprentice mining engineer, he moved in 1956 to the French Atomic Energy Commission (CEA)...

For the next four years he was president of the Alcatel telecommunications company, and from 1974 to 1976 president of Eurodif...

LIEUT-COL NEIL McLEAN

Conservative interest. This was a highly marginal seat which on the first occasion he lost by only 16 votes.

His love of adventure, however, inherited perhaps from a great-uncle, the Kaid Sir Harry McLean, who deserted the British Army to become Commander-in-Chief in Morocco...

He continued his interest in the Yemen until after the 1967 war, when Nasser withdrew his forces and royalists and republicans arrived at a compromise peace.

M ROGER IKOR

Mr Roger Ikor, French author who won the 1955 Prix Goncourt, died on November 17, at the age of 74.

His first novel, A travers nos deserts appeared in 1951, but it was with the two-volume Les Fils d'Avrom...

Latest wills

Mrs Annie Sherr, of Prestwich, Greater Manchester, left estate valued at £1,231,024 net.

Sir Bryan Harold Cabot Matthews, FRS, of Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridgeshire...

Luncheons

HM Government Mr Tim Eggar, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs...

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Dinners

Anglo-Spanish Society The Spanish Ambassador presided at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Spanish Society...

Receptions

English-Speaking Union The Duke of Edinburgh presented the prizes to the winners of the English-Speaking Union's English language competitions...

Meetings

Royal Commonwealth Society Mr Yoweri Museveni, President of Uganda, addressed members of the Royal Commonwealth Society...

Richard Dimbleby Cancer Fund

Princess Alexandra will attend a concert in Westminster Abbey on December 1 in aid of the Richard Dimbleby Cancer Fund...

Prince Georg of Denmark

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Prince Georg of Denmark will be held in Westminster Abbey at 5 pm on Monday...

JAPAN AIR LINES advertisement featuring 'FREQUENT' and flight schedule information.

Handwritten signature: John G. [unclear]

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET FT 30 Share 1271.6 (-6.9) FT-SE 100 1817.5 (-11.1) Bargains 23762 (26451) USM (Datastream) 129.99 (-0.11) THE POUND US Dollar 1.4240 (-0.0045) W German mark 2.8651 (-0.0105) Trade-weighted 68.2 (-0.3)

Shops call for rethink on credit

After recovering more than £9 million on about 19,000 overdue accounts in the year to August 31, the West Riding Trade Protection Association calls for a more responsible attitude towards consumer credit.

Settlement at Lloyd's

Lloyd's names who were on syndicate 868/35 in 1979 will be receiving a cheque at the end of the month following the settlement of Alexander Howden Underwriting Ltd's (AHUL) legal action against former syndicate underwriter Mr Colin Hart.

Siemens stable

Siemens, the electrical group and West Germany's second-biggest company, announced 1985-86 pretax profits of DM1.5 billion (£522 million), little changed from the previous year.

Metal Box up

Metal Box yesterday announced pretax profits for the half year to the end of September 1986 up 24 per cent to £38.6 million.

TSB success

The offer for sale of 49 per cent of the shares in TSB (Channel Islands) at 70p each was oversubscribed.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS New York Dow Jones 1821.71 (-38.51) Tokyo Nikkei Dow 17273.53 (+65.38) Hong Kong Hang Seng 2248.57 (+7.08) Amsterdam Gen 280.3 (+1.0) Sydney AO 1214.8 (-11.9) Frankfurt Commerzbank 1975.2 (+3.3) Brussels General 3864.95 (+20.58) Paris CAC 3791.1 (-1.2) Zurich S&K Gen 544.0 (+1.40) London FT A 808.26 (-0.75) FT. GtIs 81.32 (-0.11) Closing prices Page 29

INTEREST RATES London Bank Base 11% 3-month Treasury Bill 11 1/4-11 3/4 3-month eligible bills 10 3/4-11 1/4 buying rate US Prime Rate 7 3/4% Federal Funds 9 3/4-10 1/4 3-month Treasury Bill 5 3/4-5 3/4 30-year bonds 100-100 1/4

CURRENCIES London New York £: \$1.4240 £: DM2.8651 £: SwF2.8631 £: FF6.5770 £: Yen231.08 £: Yen231.08 ECU £0.725742

Wall Street fear over contents of Boesky tapes

Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced American financier, is said to have agreed to provide evidence for federal officials by taping confidential conversations with business associates. The tapes could implicate some of Wall Street's biggest names in the investigation into US insider trading.

SEC called in to Collier inquiry

The US Securities and Exchange Commission has become involved in the inquiry into suspected insider dealing by Mr Geoffrey Collier, it emerged yesterday. The Department of Trade and Industry, which began an investigation into the share dealings, has already been in contact with the SEC which has become involved because the deal was conducted through the US.

AE seeks identity of US shareholders

The beleaguered engineering group AE is making strenuous efforts to discover the beneficial owners of sizeable blocks of its shares which may be crucial in the outcome of the £271 million takeover bid for control of the company.

SE fails on arbitrage policy

The Stock Exchange yesterday failed to decide how it should instruct its members to respond to any approach to deal for Mr Ivan Boesky, the Wall Street arbitrager who faces a \$100 million (£70 million) penalty for insider dealing.

\$95m deal

Debron Investments has conditionally agreed to pay \$95 million in cash for Guilford Industries, which is traded on the over-the-counter market in the US and quoted on Nasdaq.

Hillsdown buy

Hillsdown Holdings has acquired 51 per cent of Wirral Foods, a canned meat producer, for £928,200 in cash and shares.

Steinberg lifts Mercury stake

A line of 5 million Mercury shares were bought through Alexander Laing & Co. yesterday.



Sir James: urged US not to catch "the European disease"

Goldsmith defends US takeover bid

Sir James Goldsmith yesterday delivered an impassioned defence of his role in US takeovers, saying that his company was shaking up the entrenched "corporocracy" which is undermining American competitiveness.

LIG interim profits up to £12.2m

Pretax profits at London International Group, the near-monopoly supplier of condoms in Britain, rose from £10.5 million to £12.2 million in the six months to September 30 as turnover rose 15 per cent to £128.9 million.

Staveley No.2 in US

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The new subsidiary will be given a \$5 million interest free loan for five years. Both Weigh-Tronix and NCI are quoted on the Nasdaq exchange.

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Part of the deal is to be met by the placing of 1.6 million new Staveley shares at 550p. The new shares represent 9.8 per cent of the existing share capital of the group.

Government borrowing falls sharply

The public sector borrowing requirement, now the cornerstone of the Government's economic strategy, was just £9 million last month, compared with £2.09 billion in September.

Record profits of £10m reverse flow at Thames

Thames Television, the largest British commercial television company, yesterday announced record mid-term pretax profits of £10.26 million, in its first set of results since its highly successful public flotation in June.

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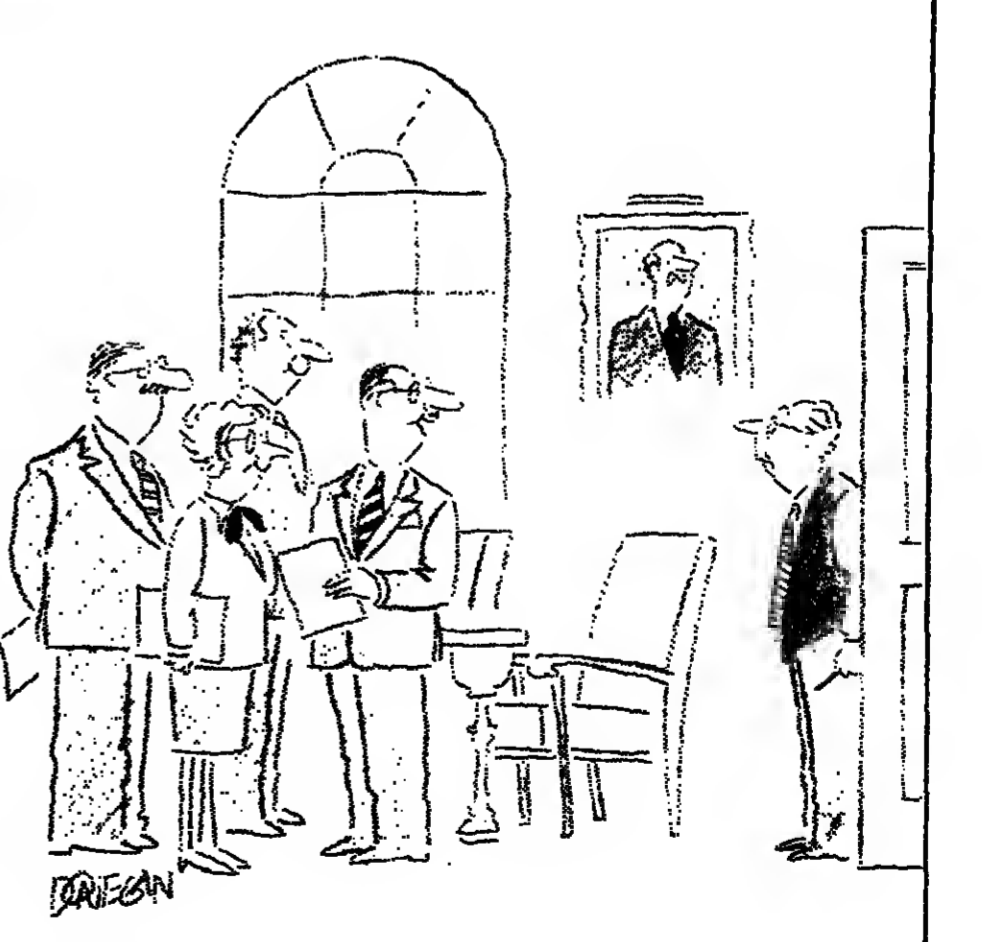
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The balance will be met from group internal resources.



"We're going to invest in commercial property, Foskett. Nip out and buy some, will you? Office blocks, warehouses, factories and shops - you know the sort of thing. North, south, north east, anywhere. And take your time. Take all day, if you like..."

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WALL STREET

Insider dealing inquiry slows early trading

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street share prices were lower in moderate early trading yesterday. The widening investigation of the latest insider trading scandal to hit Wall Street kept many investors nervous and pressured stocks that rose in recent weeks on rumours of takeover or restructuring.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 13 points on Monday was down 3.38 points at 1,857.14. Declining issues led shares by a margin of two to one on a volume of 16 million.

The transportation average was up 0.13 at 829.38, utilities at 209.29 were up 0.05, while

Table of stock prices for various companies including AMR, Altek, Allied Signal, etc.

Japan likely to cut its growth forecast

Tokyo (Reuters) - Japan is likely to admit defeat over attempts to revive its sluggish economy and will cut its growth forecast next month, according to government and commercial bank economists.

Japan's economic growth, they said, remained slow in the July-September quarter, at best only matching the 0.9 per cent increase in the previous three months.

One senior government economist said figures due out early next month were likely to show the economy grew between 1/2 a per cent and 1 per cent in the third quarter.

EEC to integrate networks

From Richard Owen, Brussels symbolic of EEC and British determination to complete the internal market by 1992.

EEC officials said the new system should be in operation by 1988, but it would be up to the 12 national telecommunications authorities, including British Telecom, to co-operate on the technical details, at an estimated additional cost to the EEC of £5 billion.

Mr Giles Shaw, the industry minister, who was chairman of a meeting of EEC industry ministers looking into the subject, warmly welcomed the decision yesterday.

Half-time profits soar at WCRS

By Alison Eadie WCRS Group, the old Wight Collins Rutherford Scott (Holdings) and Britain's second largest advertising agency, produced pretax profits of £5.5 million for the six months to October, compared with only £547,000 for the last first half.

Knitwear recovery hit by imports

The fragile recovery of the £1.4 billion British knitwear industry is threatened by a record surge in imports, the Knitting Industries Federation said yesterday.

In the past two months, British knitting companies, which employ 82,600, have made 500 redundancies and short-time working has increased.

Imports of knitted underwear - which includes sweaters and pullovers and is the largest sector of the market - doubled in the second quarter of this year.

That brought the increase for the first half to 52 per cent, compared with a marginal improvement in exports.

At the summer meeting of KIF, president Mr Lars Helgeson, also blamed the reduction in the value of the dollar.

Halifax takes over Ulster estate agency

From Bob Rodwell, Belfast The Halifax Building Society is to acquire Northern Ireland's largest estate agency, Brian Morton.

The acquisition will take effect next February at the start of the society's new financial year and after the Building Societies Act becomes law.

Fletcher King set for flotation

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent Fletcher King, the West End-based firm of commercial estate agents is to come to the market via an offer for sale of 2.26 million shares, representing 33.3 per cent of the company, at 175p per share.

The directors, the present partners of the company, will retain 66.7 per cent. Fletcher King follows Baker Harris Saunders Group, the firm specialising in City of London property, to the stock market.

The firm has shown a compound increase in profits of 30 per cent a year over the last five years. The yield for the full year will be 3.6 per cent and an interim dividend of 3p per share will be paid.

Government 'shares in North Sea confidence'

The Government yesterday sought to instil new confidence in the battered North Sea oil industry.

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, the energy minister, said it was fashionable to knock the industry, but some forecasts of job losses in oil and associated industries were "incorrect and irresponsible".

He told delegates at the West of Scotland Oil Conference at Glasgow: "Of course, we face difficult times, particularly those businessmen supplying goods and services the industry demands. But all is not doom and gloom; there will continue to be many opportunities open to tough, competitive companies."

Epic buys £6.5 million property portfolio

By Our Commercial Property Correspondent The Estates Property Investment Company has bought a £6.5 million portfolio of properties from an unnamed vendor, which will be paid in the form of 4.16 million new Epic shares, representing 16.7 per cent of the company's issued share capital.

Baring Brothers, the merchant bank, is to place the shares with institutional and other investors at 158p per share. The properties, throughout

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System X celebrates 2 million lines accepted

To mark the acceptance of two million telephone exchange lines of System X, Plessey and GEC have presented a gold plated System X line card to British Telecom.

A further two million lines are currently being delivered by Plessey and GEC. These four million lines so far supplied to British Telecom represent 20 per cent of its planned replacement of the UK's public telephone network.



Mr Ken Liles left Plessey Major Systems chief executive and Mr Tony Smith centre managing director of GEC's Telephone Switching Group, make their joint presentation to Mr Clive Fovell, British Telecom's managing director for Engineering and Procurement.

£2m ISDX network for Oman

A £2m communications network to link the air, land and sea forces of Oman is to be provided by Plessey, following nine months of negotiations.

The network will employ several inter-working Plessey ISDX exchanges involving some 6,000 telephone lines, with the possibility of further exchanges when the network is expanded.

WAVELL READY FOR RHINE ARMY



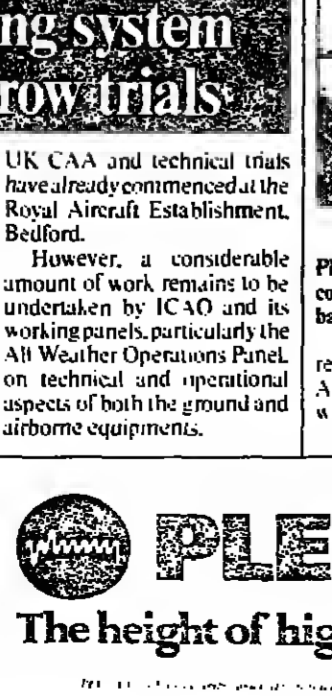
Plessey has completed the latest phase of Wavell, the world's first computer system for improved tactical command and control on the battlefield.

This was achieved with the recent handover to the British Army of the 32nd vehicle fitted with Wavell equipment. It fulfils the £45 million production order placed by the Ministry of Defence in November, 1983, for 16 tracked and 16 wheeled vehicles equipped with the Wavell system.

New landing system for Heathrow trials

A Plessey P-SCAN Microwave Landing System (MLS) has been installed at London Heathrow Airport by the UK Civil Aviation Authority.

However, a considerable amount of work remains to be undertaken by ICAO and its working panels, particularly the All Weather Operations Panel, on technical and operational aspects of both the ground and airborne equipments.



The height of high technology

Table of company news including INFRA-RED ASSOCIATES, NATIONAL HOME LOANS, GALACTIC RESOURCES, etc.

COMPANY NEWS

INFRA-RED ASSOCIATES: Figures in £000 for the half to August 31. Turnover was 1,608 (1,285). Pretax profit was 371 (347). Earnings per share were 3.12c (3.38). No interim dividend.

Table of Rothschilts International Money Funds with columns for Name, Address, and details.

Congress takes on economic 'invaders'

The case of Akron, Ohio against Sir James Goldsmith was weighed yesterday in an unusual Congressional hearing...

'Terrorism'

Unknown in this Mid-western city two months ago, Sir James has suddenly become a household name...

Curbs

The hearing yesterday by the Congressional subcommittee... was regarded as the opening salvo in a Congress campaign...

Dismembering

"We hope to emerge with more of the company intact than if we simply left our fate to a group which might well dismember Goodyear..."

Bailey Morris

Throughout the debate, Sir James has maintained a low profile, agreeing to a moratorium while Goodyear pursues its restructuring...

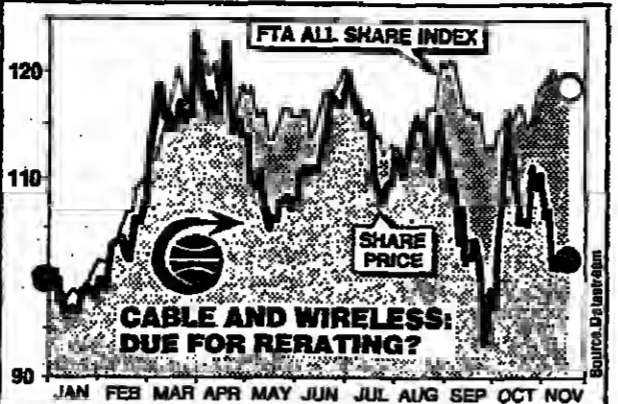
Trusthouse shares advance on speculative interest

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Trusthouse Forte, the hotel and leisure giant, yesterday stood out like a sore thumb among the alpha stocks...

The tale is not new, but the level of turnover on such a quiet day suggested there was a little more truth to it than the usual ramp...

Lord Forte has emphasized that he is in no rush to relinquish control of the



FTA ALL SHARE INDEX and CABLE & WIRELESS: DUE FOR RERATING?

group. He has the backing of the trustees, who own 50 per cent of the shares, and the Forte family...

bid would be a formidable task and certain to founder on such a vast show of solidarity...

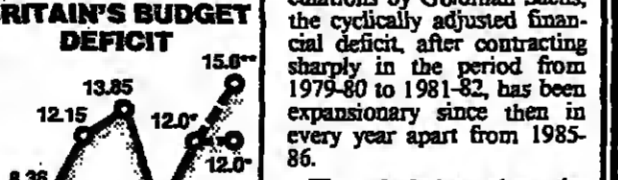
ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

Table listing various alpha stocks with columns for High, Low, Offer, Change, Price, Dividend, and Volume.

Veil of stringency over rise in Budget deficit

The public-sector borrowing requirement, which last month came in at just £9 million, has become the only remaining totem of the Government's economic policy...



BRITAIN'S BUDGET DEFICIT: The Public Sector financial deficit £ billion

Monetary targets have been all but abandoned, the public expenditure planning totals have become movable feasts...

This leaves the PSBR as the anchor of economic policy. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a curiously Victorian phrase, has said the new spending plans unveiled in the autumn statement will result in 'not a penny piece of additional borrowing'...

For another, the PSBR is difficult to predict and, as the Treasury has frequently reminded us, the PSBR is the difference between two very large numbers...

point when the Government was supposed to have abandoned, for ever, the use of expansionary fiscal policies to boost the economy...

The autumn statement contained an admitted expansion of the public sector deficit, by the device of adding to the targeted proceeds from asset sales...

A larger addition to the deficit is, however, expected when the final figures for the 1987-88 financial year become available...

shares, had turned bearish. It seems Tilney has downgraded its estimates for this year from £49 million to £47.5 million...

Atken Hume, the beleaguered financial services group which fought off an unwanted bid from Mr Nick Oppenheimer's Tranwood Group...

Market men were trying to find out the share holdings of Cambrian & General Investment Trust, where Boesky was chairman...

At the end of the trading day, the FT 30 share index was down 6.9 at 1271.6 and the broader-based FT-SE 100 index was 11.1 lower...

Wall Street did little to help. It opened almost 8 points lower. Gilts saw little action and closed 1/4 easier...

Cable & Wireless, the electronic and telecommunications group, formed a couple of pence to 304p...

Mr Richard Goodwin and Mr Martin Mabbutt, two analysts at Morgan Grenfell, said there was a long-term case for buying Cable & Wireless...

Ward White closed 2p to 316p. Henderson Crosswhite, the broker, has published a circular on the matter...

Mr Tony Cooper, an analyst, said: "The general trusts might have no alternative but to bring their foreign

investments, as a proportion of your total investments. The favourite guess, which Labour will not confirm, is 5 per cent...

Labour's cloud could have a silver lining

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

While public opinion polls indicate that the Labour Party has a chance at the next general election, the stock market will focus more on what Labour's programme, known or guessed at, would mean for the value of quoted securities...

There are, for example, two ways of looking at the fate of investment trusts should Roy Hattersley replace Nigel Lawson. Close to Mr Hattersley's heart is the (superficially) clever scheme dreamed up to succeed exchange controls...

In enjoy existing tax advantages, you would have to limit your overseas investments, as a proportion of your total investments...

Investment trusts, like pension funds, insurance funds and unit trusts, would face hard choices. They would have to justify to themselves, and to those whose savings they are responsible for, investment overseas above the Hattersley limit...

Investment trusts in the proscribed category would also be classed as foreign shares and as such might carry those who held them above the Hattersley limit...

No trust, with the possible exception of those carrying heavy tax losses, would want to pay CGT. Trusts specialising geographically would have nothing left to offer...

The importance of the current investigation lies principally in its effect on the culture that determines the day-to-day behaviour of people in the securities business...

The Ocean share price is 251p. The Ocean share price is the closing price at 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday 18 November 1986.

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IEP (UK) PLC Cash Offer for Ocean Transport & Trading plc. Value of our offer: 260p. Ocean share price: 251p. IEP (UK) PLC has purchased 29.96 per cent. of Ocean's shares. Final closing date of our offer: Friday 21 November 1986.

THE MINISTRY OF THE NAVY OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL BRAZILIAN NAVAL COMMISSION IN EUROPE (BNCE) NOTICE OF PUBLIC TENDER NR. 069/86

Notice is hereby given that the Brazilian Naval Commission in Europe with offices at: 170 Upper Richmond Road London SW15 2SH Tel: (01) 788 8111 Tlx: 918851

is accepting tenders for the rendering of forwarding and Clearing Services, on behalf of the Brazilian Navy. The following events will take place at the above address:

Table with columns: Order, Date, Time, Event. Details tender submission and opening dates.

The details of the exact nature and extent of the services to be rendered are given at the BNCE or, at request, by post. For further information you may require, please contact Mr. J.R. Dias, ext. 33.

Oscar Moreira da Silva President Tenders Commission

MONEY & GOLD

Period rates ended the day little changed, though there was some firming in the year interbank rate. This was mainly prompted by a weaker pound, but overall markets were fairly quiet.

Table with columns: Rate, Bid, Ask. Includes Treasury Bills, Discount, and other financial instruments.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Table showing interest rates for various currencies and terms (1m, 3m, 6m, 12m).

GOLD

Table with columns: Gold, Silver, Platinum, Palladium. Includes prices and VAT.

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period October 8, 1986 to October 31, 1986 inclusive: 11.27 per cent.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table with columns: First Dealings, Last Dealings, Last Declaration, For Settlement. Lists various options and their prices.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table with columns: Three Month Sterling, Open, High, Low, Close, Est Vol. Lists futures contracts and their values.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table with columns: Market rates, day's range, close. Lists exchange rates for various currencies.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Table with columns: Market rates, day's range, close. Lists sterling spot and forward rates.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table with columns: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, UK, USA, West Germany, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zimbabwe.

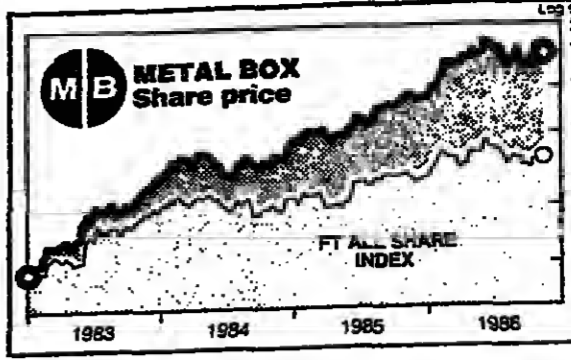
DOLLAR SPOT RATES

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TEMPUS

Plastics could mould Metal Box's future

Thanks to the boffins at Metal Box, your children can now squirt tomato ketchup around the room by squeezing the bottle rather than by shaking or hitting it.



remains so until the new generation of products begins to put money in the bank.

London Int

London International is trying to dampen some of the Aids-related hysteria that has pushed its shares to record highs.

Thames Television

As public debuts go, Thames Television can hardly be beaten. Floated with an offer price of 190 pence in June, a 17 times oversubscription

heralded an instant premium of 26 per cent. The shares closed yesterday at 323 pence - 3p down on the day.

The stags have long since cleared out with the shareholder register down from an initial 48,000 to around the 20,000 mark.

Yesterday's impressive set of results augur well. In contrast to the prognosis in the prospectus, the April change in the Exchange Levy had a positive impact on the mid-term results at Thames.

The decline in the charge on domestic profits from 66.7 per cent to 45 per cent has outweighed the imposition of a new 2.5 per cent charge on overseas earnings.

Thames has benefited not only from a market upturn in television advertising but an increase in market share, from 14.7 per cent to 16.3 per cent.

This is the most important factor behind the turnaround from mid-term losses of £1.9 million to profits of £1.2 million. It represents a return to the early eighties when Thames' share was 17 per cent.

Overseas sales from Thames Television International were, however, prominent in the second half of last year and likely to be similarly successful in the corresponding period this year. In which case the Exchange Levy will bite, possibly resulting in second half profits showing a slight decline on 1985 figures.

Pretax profits for the full year are likely to be around £22 million. Assuming a tax charge of 37.5 per cent this produces a p/e ratio of 11.4 with the shares about 323 pence.

Although out a short-term bet but there is still scope for further improvement to the shares.

RECENT ISSUES

Table listing recent issues of equities, including companies like Appleby, Avco, BCE, Baker Hughes, etc.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Large table listing various options contracts, including series, calls, puts, and prices for different companies and indices.



METAL BOX HAVE PACKED A LOT INTO SIX MONTHS

It has been a productive period for Metal Box since last April. A period that has seen many of our packaging ideas come to fruition, the result of our decision to develop new markets using our technical expertise, product innovations and commitment to research and development.

Our 'Lamicom' squeeze bottle is now on the market, being used by major manufacturers of tomato ketchup. But perhaps more importantly for Metal Box is that Lamicom's potential is as great as the range of sauces that are available. A trip to any supermarket will confirm that.

Another of our products which opens up an equal number of possibilities is the PET 'Beer Sphere'. Coming in three sizes, the Beer Sphere can hold anything from 10 litres to 30 litres of beer, cider or soft drinks. Its light and tough properties will help it go down well with the off-trade as well as with the clubs and wine bars and incidentally provides access to a new market for Metal Box, the on-trade.

In hardware and DIY shops the 'Polycan' plastic paint cans will be very much in evidence and soon consumers will also be seeing a lot of the new 'Lampac' plastic processable food containers appearing on supermarket shelves in this country.

In the USA, construction has now started on the first 'Genesis' Packaging System plant in Pennsylvania. The joint venture with Alcoa will manufacture the new generation of high barrier plastic food packaging developed by the Metal Box research and development team.

Summary of Results table showing financial performance metrics.

Extracts from the Chairman's statement: Profit before tax improved by 23.7%. Earnings per 25p share rose by 34.7%. We have also been active in our other key business sectors.

Stelrad, Europe's leading central heating subsidiary has extended its range by developing a high efficiency boiler that does not have to be fixed to an outside wall.

In Florida, USA, Clarke Checks, the Metal Box security printing operation, has opened up a new plant for producing cheque books. Clarke now has 15 plants in 10 states employing over 900 people.

As you can see, we haven't been idle in the past six months. And we are strongly committed to even greater activity in the coming years.

The half year ended 30th September 1986 followed a year in which many changes were made to operations, organisation and strategy. It has been a period of developing our existing businesses, evaluating our future opportunities and achieving some growth. The Board believes that the strategies now being implemented, coupled with the benefits of the reshaping of recent years, provide the basis for further profitable growth.

A leaflet setting out the Interim Results and comments in more detail will be despatched shortly to the shareholders.

Please fill in this coupon for a copy of the Metal Box Interim Results and send it to: The Company Secretary, Metal Box plc, Queens House, Portbury Road, Reading, RG1 3JA, or telephone (0734) 58117. These results will be available from November 25th 1986.

Form with fields for Name and Address.

Metal Box p.l.c. Opening up the future

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Turnover remains thin

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on November 10. Dealings end on Friday. Contango day next Monday. Settlement day December 1.
Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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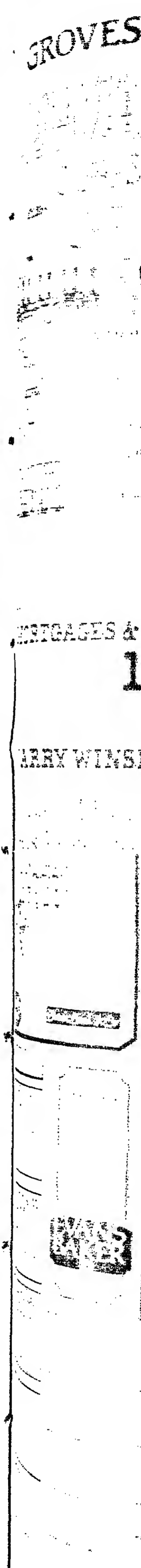
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PROPERTY BUYERS' GUIDE LONDON PROPERTIES

HOBART SLATER... [Real estate listings including Sunningdale, Wimbledon, and Putney properties]

Barstow Lues DOCKLANDS... [Real estate listings for fashionable locations in Docklands]

Home in on an island of bays and beaches

By Diana Wildman
Menorca, the second largest Balearic island but still a mere 30 miles in length by nine miles across, is now firmly establishing itself as a popular location for the holiday home purchaser keen to live in rural seclusion but within an easy drive from the island's capital, Mahón.



Rooms with a view: these apartment buildings forming part of the Menorca Country Club, are on a sloping hillside overlooking the Mediterranean

Menorca, the second largest Balearic island but still a mere 30 miles in length by nine miles across, is now firmly establishing itself as a popular location for the holiday home purchaser keen to live in rural seclusion but within an easy drive from the island's capital, Mahón. Mahón boasts, along with its unusually deep-water harbour, the international airport where the Spanish airline, Iberia, runs regular scheduled services. A number of UK companies operate charter flights, and car-hire firms, such as Budget-Rent-a-Car, which has a desk at Mahón airport, abound.

BLACK HORSE AGENCIES Gascoigne-Pees... [Real estate listings in various London areas]

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and £40,000. In good condition, a three-bedroom, two-bathroom home, with its own well, septic tank, drainage, water, electricity, and half an acre of land, will sell for anything between £70,000 and £150,000.

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Pueblo style of living has been created

authorities encourage the design of the leisure complexes to follow the traditional Menorcan style of cluster blocks, irregularly grouped around flowered courtyards or swimming pools.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

Law Report November 19 1986

Second prosecution on single school attendance order unlawful

Enfield London Borough Council v Forsyth Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Mr Justice McNeill and Mr Justice Kennedy [Reasons November 18] Where parents had been served with a school attendance order and prosecuted for failing to comply with it, contrary to sections 37(5) and 40(1) of the Education Act 1944, that order was spent, and any subsequent failure by the parents to fulfill their duty under section 36 would require service of a new attendance order.

The requirements of a school attendance order there could be no second prosecution in respect of a continuing failure with reference to the same school attendance order. The court's reasons were as follows: The requirement imposed by a school attendance order was to produce a result. When the result had been produced the requirement had been complied with and the order with it.

On January 1985 the respondents were again convicted by the justices. On that occasion they pleaded not guilty and contended, as they were entitled to do under section 37(5), that they were causing the child to receive efficient full-time education otherwise than at school. They failed to demonstrate their defence to the satisfaction of the justices. Sentence was deferred until July 12, 1985 to enable alternative arrangements to be made for the child's education. On July 12, 1985 the education authority had to go to court for a second offence with reference to one particular notice.

order if it was thought expedient that the child attend school. The order to be served upon the parent was not left to the discretion of the education authority. It could only be an order requiring the parent to cause the child to become a registered pupil at a named school (section 37(2)). The actions by the parent necessary to cause a child to become a registered pupil constituted a continuing failure to attend the school. Registration as a pupil was carried out by the proprietor of the school under section 80 of the 1944 Act - in this case the local education authority.

Reasonable use of highway for protest

Hirst and Another v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Before Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Otton [Judgment November 7] Where a court was satisfied that a person had without lawful authority wilfully or deliberately caused an obstruction in his use of the highway, the court was entitled to convict him of an offence under section 137 of the Highways Act 1980, without further being satisfied that his use of the highway was unreasonable. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court accordingly allowed an appeal by way of certiorari from the decision of the trial judge in the case of Hirst and another v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire.

and three others then stood in the entrance to the shop where they had gathered to protest at the arrest. They were on longer distributing leaflets. They refused to move when asked to do so and were then arrested for obstructing the highway. It was submitted for the appellants in the crown court, as now, that their use of the highway was reasonable and that to prosecute them for obstructing the highway was disproportionate. It was submitted for the prosecutor, relying on Waite v Taylor (1985) 149 JP 551, that unless the appellants' purpose was to pass or re-pass along it, or for some purpose incidental thereto, their presence constituted an unlawful obstruction.

Solicitor's duty of care to third party

Al Kanter v J. R. Brown & Co Before Mr Justice French [Judgment November 10] A solicitor who had authority from his client to give an undertaking for, inter alia, the protection of a third party owed a duty of care towards that third party because the third party was within his direct contemplation of someone likely to be so closely and directly affected by his acts or omissions that he could reasonably foresee that the third party was likely to be injured by those acts or omissions.

obligation clearly defined as its nature and extent could such a duty arise? Further, it was undesirable and contrary to public policy as creating a conflict of interest in the solicitor, whose paramount duty was to his client, to find a duty to exist save in circumstances analogous to those in Ross v Caunters (1980) Ch 297. They also contended that the case was not known to take any step which would prevent their undertaking of its force, including a duty to take reasonable care that the passport should not leave the possession. It was not conceded, however, that any breach of that duty would found in tort: it was a duty owed only to the court.

It was a duty owed only to the court. In his Lordship's view they did owe a duty in tort to the plaintiff to take reasonable care that the passport should not leave their possession, and they owed the further duty to take all reasonable steps to prevent harm coming to the plaintiff from any failure to comply with the undertaking. Solicitors' undertakings very often involved a conflict; they commonly undertook to retain money which otherwise they

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RUGBY UNION

Oxford's altered script unlikely to deter Stanley's XV

By David Hanis, Rugby Correspondent

This is the time of year when Oxford University lose their regular fixture...

They should, of course, lose to Stanley's XV at Iffley Road today...

Stanley's, however, have had to change their original side...

There is another change, in the front row where Stuart Evans (Neath) has withdrawn...

WARRICKSHIRE (Coventry) unless stated: S. G. ...

Fitzgerald is back

By George Ace

Ciaran Fitzgerald, who lost his place and with it the captaincy of the Ireland team...

It was at this same venue two years ago that Fitzgerald came back to give ample proof...

Fitzgerald had lost his place in the Irish side after sustaining a head injury...

But in the first Inter-Provincial of the following season...

Russia knocking on international door

By David Hanis

It is difficult to ignore the continual rise of Russian rugby...

Pat Moss, the Irish Rugby Union secretary, watched them beat Italy in Genoa...

Indeed Mr Burgess, chairman of the RFU's coaching committee...

Hawick stay unbeaten

By Ian McLaughlin

Hawick, following their hard-won battle with Heriot's last weekend...

Marshall Wright, the former Dollar Academy and Scottish Schools international...

Second attempt for Cup games

The two remaining first-round Scheppees Welsh Cup games...

WHEN IT COMES TO KICKING MORALITY OFF THE PARK ENGLAND'S LITTLE TERRORS ARE A MATCH FOR THE BEST

Children at play in the School of Cheats



Morality on the field is dealt a mortal blow: Police, players and spectators join in the melee at Leeds on April 17, 1971. This was the moment that the rot set into the national game

Jimmy Tarbock, a popular comedian, used to have a joke, well aimed on television...

Viv Anderson, the Arsenal and England right back, is a pleasant, cheerful and dedicated professional...

MAJOR R V STANLEY'S XV: J-B Lafont (France), J. ...

NORTH MIDLANDS: D. ...

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Football in Crisis

can't take my daughter to watch. I saw one manager running up and down the line...

The definitive moment of moral corruption in English soccer, from which point the domestic game moved steadily downward...

Seeing youngsters imitate the professional players

Who has forgotten Roy McFarland polling a Polish forward off the ball by his neck at Wembley...

Last Sunday Ralph Coates, the former Burnley, Tottenham and England winger...

Coates, recently appointed as co-ordinator of sport for Barnet Borough Council...

"The behaviour and the language, not just among boys but parents, coaches and managers, is dreadful," he says.

Coates, who was also a player, says he has seen youngsters imitating professional players...

The age of decadence that was ushered in at Leeds a decade and a half ago has spawned a code of misconduct among children that even grown-ups find frightening

David Miller, our Chief Sports Correspondent, reports

Coates' having quit football as assistant coach to Paul West at Orient...

He wrote to the FA, the League and the Professional Footballers' Association...

Should the Football Ground Improvement Trust, with its £8 million a year income from

A national campaign for morality on the pitch

the pools, be doing more to correct attitudes within the game?

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Australia IV fights back to clinch a thrilling victory

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

Also Bond's flagship, Australia IV, salvaged some pride for the syndicate with a magnificent recovery...

Up the third beat into a freshening breeze of about 15 knots...

The Royal Perth jury met for more than four hours on Monday night before rejecting Australia IV's version of events...

Australian option for McEnroe

Melbourne (AFP) — John McEnroe, suspended until the beginning of December...

Stubs said McEnroe was not sure whether he wanted to play in the Australian Open.

Seeds have an off day

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DEFENDER SERIES RESULTS: Australia IV vs Kookaburra II...

DEFENDER SERIES TABLE

Pakistan make an impact at last

From Richard Streeton, Hyderabad

Pakistan, showing tremendous determination and spirit, won the fifth and last one-day international here yesterday...

West Indies were pacing their innings with customary efficiency...

Earlier on Richards, who called correctly for the first time in 10 tosses on this tour...

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BOXING

Heavyweight series gets a long overdue kiss of life

From Srikanth Sen Boxing Correspondent Las Vegas
The heavyweight series to unify the world championship...

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off Procter and Davey. The lights in the Warwick Road stadium shone brightly and Hughes, manifestly inspired...

Hughes: seeking revival speaks volumes for the esteem in which they are held. As a slow left-armer...

GOLF



Winner: Tony Jacklin congratulates Diane Bailey, the woman golfer of the year (Photograph: John Rogers)

Bailey is poised for top honour

Diane Bailey, who led Great Britain and Ireland to an unprecedented victory in the Curtis Cup on American soil last August...

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BADMINTON Players protest at prize cut

Five leading players, including the world No. 1, Morten Frost, of Denmark...

SPORTS POLITICS Cost-cutting threat to future of CCPR

The rivalry between the Sports Council and the Central Council of Physical Recreation comes to a head today...

Exmoor radar inquiry

A public inquiry next month will determine whether Exmoor is to have its controversial dome-shaped, early-warning radar station...

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TENNIS

Hobbs will not sell herself short in a last bid for the top

Being named after some small goblin in a fantasy forest is not the ideal route to stardom. Especially when you've bent on adding the glittering sheen of glamour to your public image...

Determined not to be an also-ran

sbe, hopefully, gets to grips with the £10-15,000 she needs to boost her career.

Getting to grips with the sponsors

two hours to prepare. "I felt mad, but I just went out there and brought the best out of myself."

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